

To the House of Commons Committee Regarding Bill C-205.

Considering that any person or foreign entity entering a building or other enclosed place in which animals are kept, whether lawfully or unlawfully, could potentially contaminate the animals, it seems this bill is heavily biased towards penalizing the people unlawfully entering the area. Unlawfully entering an area, or trespassing, is already a federal crime which makes adding Section 9.1 to the *Health of Animals Act* redundant.

Furthermore, in my opinion, Bill C-205 targets whistleblowers and other people of the public looking to investigate on the happenings behind the closed doors of the buildings or enclosed places that hold animals. I believe for public health and safety, that there should be more transparency with the containment of animals rather than less. More transparency would also allow regulatory bodies more information on the practices of farmers, which is much more of a threat to the biosecurity in these confinements. For example, with mad cow disease, by feeding dead animals back to live animals.

I believe the public has a right to know what happens to animals on farms and industrial farming locations. It is the public who will end up consuming these animals, and people should have a right to know exactly where their food comes. Bill C-205 helps the animal agriculture industry tighten the curtain on farm practices and makes it harder to create trust between the public and the farmers.

I wholeheartedly recommend that the committee not pass Bill C-205 and Section 9.1 not be added to the *Health of Animals Act*.

Thank you for your time.

A concerned citizen,

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