

I would like to submit my brief on Bill C-205 as follows:

As it's already an offence to enter farms illegally, and current provincial legislation covers anti-trespassing activities, this bill does not address any gaps.

There isn't any documented case of an animal advocate bringing a biosecurity threat onto a farm. Rather, biosecurity threats come from farm practices, such as farm employees working at several farms, being in contact with wild animals and sharing needles, etc. Bill C-205 does not apply to farmers, only trespassers, so this bill does not address biosecurity issue on farms, and seems to give the impression of being "ag-gag" legislation.

The federal government should do a better job of regulating and monitoring animal welfare on farms. Currently the federal government only monitors transport and slaughter of farm animals so it's left up to the individual farm operator to decide on best practices for humane treatment of animals while in their care. There needs to be better oversight in this regard so that citizens can be confident that farm animals are being treated humanely. There have been many examples on the news that not all farms treat their animals humanely.