



LONG-TERM THINKING FOR TODAY'S ISSUES

June 4, 2020

Attention: Hon. Ernie Hardeman, MPP, and

Standing Committee on General Government

c/o Clerk of the Committee

Procedural Services Branch

99 Wellesley Street West

Room 1405, Whitney Block

Toronto, ON M7A 1A2

Dear Minister and Members of the Standing Committee on General Government,

RE: Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2020

The Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO) is an Accredited Farm Organization representing the interests of over 4,000 farm families in Ontario who are called to the vocation of farming. CFFO policy promotes economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable farming, advocating that farmers receive fair return for their production and stewardship efforts.

The CFFO wishes to express our appreciation for your efforts to protect Ontario's family farmers, farm animals and the safety of our food supply by bringing forward Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2020. We strongly support Bill 156.

As stewards of creation, the CFFO is concerned for the importance of animal care on farms and throughout the food supply chain. Trespass onto farm properties, food processing facilities and



interference with animals in transit is becoming an increasing concern for those working in the agri-food sector. This Bill is an important step towards better protecting Ontario's farm animals, farming families and overall food supply.

We value the stakeholder consultations on this issue to date and look forward to continued participation in further discussions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Scharringa", is written over a thin horizontal line.

Ed Scharringa, President

Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario