



LONG-TERM THINKING FOR TODAY'S ISSUES

December 23, 2019

Hon. Ernie Hardeman,
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11th Floor
77 Grenville St.
Toronto ON, M5S 1B3

Dear Minister,

RE: Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019

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, 2019. 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 and overall food supply.

We appreciate that you have included us in the stakeholder consultations on this issue, and look forward to continued participation in further discussions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clarence Nywening".

Clarence Nywening, President
Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario

CC:

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