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THERE IS NO RIGHT WAY TO DO SOMETHING THAT IS WRONG. Breeding, Raising and Killing sentient beings in the Animal Agriculture Industry causes unspeakable pain, suffering and misery to the most vulnerable beings on this planet. The brave rescuers and whistleblowers are the only voice these gentle animals have to shed light on the horrors they experience at the hands of this industry. History proves time and time again that change and justice occurs when courageous people stand out and stand up against blatant cruelty, suffering and injustice. Slavery would still be acceptable today if courageous protesters didn't stand up to abolish it. To attempt to gag and silence the very people who are prepared to stand up and fight for justice, would be setting a precedent in our society - "Don't even try to stand up for injustice because the government will knock you down" - Is this what freedom of speech means? Is this a democracy or a dictatorship! The only way our world becomes a kinder, more just place for all, is when brave people protest against injustice, and make a stand. There is nothing ethical or humane about raising and breeding animals in confinement and misery, performing routine, horrific procedures on them without pain relief, and taking their babies away from them, then ultimately sending them off to a terrifying, grizzly demise at a slaughterhouse. Is it any wonder animals activists feel compelled to do whatever is necessary to stop the heartbreaking cruelty they know exists at every farm. The compassionate people who set out to uncover the dark truths of the animal agriculture industry are doing so because every other avenue they try often falls on deaf ears. The world needs more of these brave rescuers, because they are shedding light on the darkness in the farming industry, because people have the right to know the truth behind the walls of misery. A 2019 report titled Australia's Shifting Mindset on Animal Welfare commissioned by the federal Department of Agriculture and Water Resources suggests "its the majority of Australians who care about animal welfare", and people are concerned about the sickening cruelty that is commonplace on farms. Most people find animal cruelty abhorrent, and because whistleblowers are revealing the truth to the public, it seems the farming industry are getting worried. Profit is at risk. But what about the animals - they have no voice, they can't speak out about their pain and suffering. Who is going to tell their story? Who is going to seek Justice for them? I will. Many other brave people will. Why? Because they deserve to have their story

told. The cruelty and suffering needs to end. Its time for a change in the right direction. Just because it has always been this way, doesn't make it right. Thank you Kim

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