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To whom it may concern

The VFF has recently called on its members to make submission of how animal activists impact their business. I am writing to share the other side. I have never trespassed, I have never visited a farmers farm. My interests lie in animal welfare and animal welfare alone. I ask that you consider if there was nothing to be hidden then the activists would not have any reason to be entering properties. I have never heard of an instance where an animal activist has threatened life or injury, or acted on those threats. I am aware of legal cases from animal activists that have been caught by farmers trespassing and those same farmers have used excessive force resulting in broken bones and significant physical injury.

Again I repeat that if nothing illegal was being undertaken then the farmers should be the ones releasing that footage.

The activists have not impacted on any business profits that I am aware of and have not instilled fear of violence in any farmer to warrant any claims of fear for safety.

I am actually quite concerned that this is a form of ag gag law which only promotes cruelty and harm to the animal with no repercussions for farmers who flaunt animal welfare regulations. In fact we have no true office of independent animal welfare and not one prosecution to date against a farmer for illegal activity. If the government did its job sufficiently the activists would not be required to take it upon themselves to do this job.

Sincerely  
Ula Lane

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