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I feel compelled to add my voice to this enquiry as I am deeply concerned about the possibility that whistleblowers to acts of extreme cruelty in the animal agriculture industry may be shut down by new legislation making it unlawful to do so.

I myself am an advocate for animals in the form of quiet discussions with people who are largely ignorant of the heinous treatment of animals, for example in sow stalls in intense pig farming. I have seen the footage and am horrified that there are simply no laws defending the rights of such intelligent and sensitive animals. I've seen footage of imperfect piglets being bashed to death on concrete floors.

I am disturbed and appalled that the same laws protecting domestic animals are non-existent in animal agriculture. Surely, as we live in a civilised society which is beginning to recognise the sentience of all animals, caring and compassionate humans have a right to advocate for the Voiceless. If laws are applied to veto whistleblowers the cruelty will only worsen. There are strategies such as CCTV which could be implemented in intense farming and slaughterhouses to expose acts most of us would be horrified to witness.

Please consider the voices of those people who are compassionate and reasonable and are simply asking for reasonable treatment of innocent animals which is absolutely no choice in their sad and miserable lives.

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