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The recklessness with which animal agriculture practitioners have treated animals has resulted in immense violence and suffering to animals by the millions.

The lack of enforcement and any serious monitoring for the benefit of animals has been proven to have resulted in obscene cruelty.

This inquiry is focusing entirely in the wrong direction. Instead of loo koing to penalise those who expose the cruelty being secretly conducted, parliament must immediately consider measures to render the need to expose such acts obsolete.

The public has a right to know of the cruelty being committed in its name and are grateful to those filming such breeches in the law and in common decency. Without these investigators we would have no way of knowing what is going on since the government has abrogated its responsibility to apply the existing weak laws and to introduce stinger animal protections that the public expect.

CCTV in all slaughter houses and factory farms should be mandatory as well as frequent surprise inspections to ensure workers are complying with a strong code for animal welfare.

Most importantly I would like to see an independent office of animal advocacy to monitor all agricultural activity and report regularly to the public on the state of animal treatment.

If the government can demonstrate that the laws are sufficiently strong for animal protection and are being enforced adequately by an independent agency then there is no longer a need for well intentioned individuals to enter animal agricultural properties to provide the monitoring that the government should be doing.

The individuals this inquiry appears to be targeting gain no profits or joy from their actions but are compelled to do so through a moral imperative for the sake of animals.

Heavily penalizing committed investigators for what is in essence a minor transgression and for a great public good stinks of the government attempting to cover up the obscenities committed in animal agriculture in order to maintain business as usual for commercial interests with no regard to animal care at all.

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