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March 11, 2020

Hon. Ernie Hardman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
77 Genville Street, 11th Floor
Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

BY EMAIL ONLY TO minister.omafra@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Hardeman,

Upon receipt of the attached correspondence from the Township of Wellington North, our neighbours to the west with whom we share commonalities as a rural, agricultural community, the Council for the Town of Grand Valley passed the following resolution:

2020-03-12

Moved by P Rentsch, Seconded by S Miles

Be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Grand Valley supports Bill 156,
And further that this resolution be circulated to all municipalities, MPPs and OMAFRA.

CARRIED

Thank you from the Town of Grand Valley, as well, for this important new legislation.

Sincerely,
The Town of Grand Valley


Jane M. Wilson
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer



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February 10, 2020

Hon. Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs
77 Grenville Street, 11th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M5S 1B3

Via Email: minister.omafra@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Hardeman,

Ontario farms have come under increasing threat from trespassers and activists who illegally enter property, barns and buildings, causing significant disruptions to the entire agri-food sector. These activists are trespassing under false pretenses to gain entry on to farm properties. They have seized private property and threatened the health and safety of Ontario farms, employees, livestock and crops. These individuals and organizations are causing health and safety concerns and undue stress to Ontario farmers, their families, and their businesses. Once peaceful protests have escalated to trespassing, invading, barn break-ins and harassment. These incidents distress farmers, their families and employees, and threaten the health of livestock and crops when activists breach biosecurity protocols, ultimately putting the entire food system at risk.

We strongly support the new proposed legislation, *Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act*. This new legislation is an important way to keep our farm and food supply safe for all Ontarians. Bill 156 provides a balanced approach to protecting farms while recognizing a citizen's right to protest. This new legislation will ensure farm businesses have a legal standing to protect their farm, family and employees, livestock, crops and ultimately the entire food system. *Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act* is good news for Ontario's agri-food industry.

Thank you for this important new legislation. Protection of our Ontario Agriculture should be the highest priority.

Sincerely,

Dan Yake
Acting Mayor

cc: Wellington Federation of Agriculture (via email)