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Dear Minister,

Decades of working with farm and rural groups have produced no progress on animal welfare and preventing animal cruelty. Not a thing.

Farm and rural groups – with the support of the extremist Parliamentary Outdoor Caucus – have always opposed all improvements to how we treat animals. That’s why Canada still has some of the worst animal cruelty and protection laws in the world. It’s immoral.

Minister, your government refuses to modernize Canada’s century-old animal cruelty laws. According to the Prime Minister, farm and rural groups decide your government’s policies on animal cruelty. When the Animal Protection Party’s West Coast Campaign Officer, Jordan Reichert, asked the Prime Minister at a town hall event, “What are you going to do to protect animals?”, the Prime Minister didn’t say he’d do anything. Not a thing. He said,

“My recommendation for animal rights activists is to actually work closer with farm animal groups and rural groups who are also very concerned about animal rights and open to moving forward on respectful practices, but are very much worried and see it as an attack on them. Work with them to try to find a path forward that will be acceptable to all Canadians.”

That’s why I’m supporting the new campaign launched by the Animal Protection Party to make common cause with like-minded animal protection parties in the European Union. Relying on the “public morals” provisions in CETA, their goal is to persuade the European Parliament and the European Commission to impose stiff tariffs or bans on Canada’s animal agricultural products until Canada enacts animal welfare laws and regulations that are the equivalent of – or better than – the EU’s animal welfare standards.

If Ottawa won’t protect Canada’s animals, maybe Brussels will – as it did with Canada’s seals.

The courtesy of a reply would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Signature

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