



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

December 10, 2015

Honourable Rachel Notley
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Dear Premier Notley:

RE: Bill 6 Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act

As Reeve of the Municipal District of Greenview I am deeply concerned about the potential impact that Bill 6 will have on agricultural producers in my municipality.

Greenview Council and Agriculture Services Board recognize the importance of farm safety. However, we share the concerns expressed by the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties, our residents, and the farming and ranching community across the province. We respectfully request that the government take time for in-depth consultation with stakeholders before final passage of this bill.

Our agriculture industry and rural communities face many pressures which impact their potential viability. Without providing due consideration to the unintended consequences of this bill, the Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act could become a barrier to the success of this vital industry. Based on the Government of Alberta's *Highlights of the Alberta Economy, 2012* the industry represented 21.1 per cent of Canada's agricultural production, with total cash receipts of \$10.5 billion in 2011. Nationally we were the largest cattle market in the same year and third largest crop market. The agriculture sector is a job creator and economic driver for our province. Its stakeholders can provide valuable insight into how the industry may best address the concerns that led to this legislation being developed.

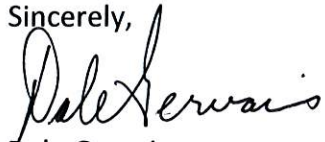
While the province seeks to implement standards, we call on you to look to how similar legislation has been implemented in other provinces. Tailoring the legislation to the uniqueness of the many facets of the agriculture industry, combined with education initiatives that build on the good work of influencers that already exist within the farming community are the route to developing the best possible policy framework.

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A positive outcome for all concerned can only come from thoughtful, extensive consultations. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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