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My name is Sam Campbell

I'm am a 5th generation daughter of agriculture. My family began by raising sheep and hay and then transitioned into cattle in the 1980's. My grandfather worked for the county animal control where he investigated menacing animals and animal cruelty cases, amongst other duties. My aunt is a professor of veterinary science. My family focuses our operation on animal welfare and we are an open door operation. This bill, as I interpret it, is directed at larger scale animal agriculture. For starters that segment is already heavily regulated. I know a local farmer who feeds over 2000 hd of cows. He was written up for having a crack in his concrete that over a weeks time dribbled enough water to create a green patch of grass, earning him a citation. He already has random visits. He was written up because one of his 2000 cows had laid down and pooped, then stood up in front of the inspector and since the cow was "dirty" he was written up. He's been written up because his cows were too fat, too much bedding, etc. It's an absolute nightmare or overregulation and micro management. He has 3 managers and employees under them, he has more than enough labor. His property is flushed daily, no manure buildup, his herdsman treats and handles any illness. Yet he's still fined, and taken off task to escort random inspectors throughout his operation. This would be considered harassment to any other business. He's only one of the many. You already have enough regulations. You're trying to create more laws to generate more fines to generate tax gaps. Go back to a money management class and figure out how to work with what you already have. Or ask the people you have been burdening how they manage. Because you, to put it simply, are unable to do the job. At best you have been a disappointment. You are thieves, you burden the agricultural industry in the name of animal rights. You use your voters as weapons. You are not qualified for your office. Reconsider what you are doing.

In short, you are doing a horrible job.

Sam