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To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Councillor Angelo Bentivegna
c.c.: Angela Morgan
Date: November 13, 2019
Re: Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms

Motion:

WHEREAS The Town of Halton Hills adopted a Resolution at their October 21, 2019 Council meeting regarding Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms;

AND WHEREAS the City of Burlington supports their local agricultural community, and want to keep their farm families, employees and animals safe.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the City of Burlington endorses and supports the resolution by the Town of Halton Hills;

AND FURTHER THAT this motion be circulated to the Honourable Doug Downey, Minister of the Attorney General, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, AMO and ROMA, to find a better way forward to ensure stronger enforcement of existing laws or new legislation to ensure the safety of Ontario's farm families, employees and animals.

Background and Discussion:

Agriculture is the second largest industry in Ontario, contributing \$13.7 billion annually to Ontario's GDP and is essential for putting food on the tables of millions of people here and around the world. In recent months there has been reports of an increase in harassment of farmers and livestock transporters which has caused a growing concern with agriculture and rural communities within Ontario regarding safety of farm families, employees, animals and food production. It is essential that proper biosecurity is maintained to ensure the health and well-being of animals who are cared for on agricultural operations.

Thank you,
Councillor Angelo Bentivegna
Ward 6