

**Western Stock Growers' Association
Western Barley Growers Association
Western Canadian Wheat Growers
Alberta Beef Producers
Action for Agriculture**

**Alberta Grazing Leaseholders Association
Hutterian Brethren of Alberta
Bison Producers of Alberta
Alberta Elk Commission**

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Honourable Rachel Notley
Premier
Executive Council
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Honourable Premier Notley:

Agriculture is the foundation of this province with many farms and ranches dating back to before Alberta was a province. Even now this industry continues to be of great importance to the residents in Alberta. Farmers and ranchers in Alberta do an amazing job of producing food in a way that is sustainable economically, socially and ecologically. Commitment to the safety and health of workers, family members and neighbours is paramount and underlies all aspects of agriculture work.

The agriculture industry in Alberta has shown great concern surrounding the Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act (Bill 6). This is not just an issue of what the rules are and going to be but HOW they are being developed. The lack of consultation will lead to consequences, intended and unintended, on both sides. And despite amendments, these consequences will be detrimental.

We the undersigned are calling for a delay on Bill 6 and further consultation on legislation and regulation. We, as industry representatives, request a stakeholder meeting with you at your earliest convenience as an important first step to the consultation required to having the implementation of Bill 6 roll out smoothly across the province. We look forward to hearing from you and creating a Bill that will support an agriculture industry that is one of the most diverse and robust in the country.

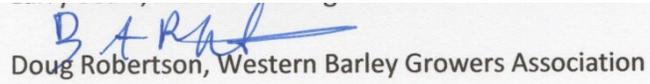
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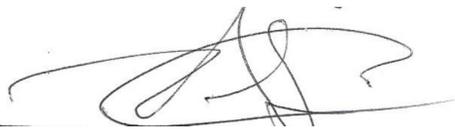
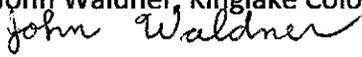


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