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THE SENATE RURAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

I HAVE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS ENQUIRY AS A HUMAN BEING.

I HAVE FOLLOWED THIS INDUSTRY FOR MANY YEARS KNOWING THAT WHEN MONEY IS INVOLVED MANY HUMAN BEINGS HAVE NO MORALS OR ETHICS. I HAVE WRITTEN MANY LETTERS TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OVER SEVERAL YEARS AND HAVE RECEIVED THE SAME STANDARD REPLIES-----ALL WHITE WASHING THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT AND ITS RESPONSIBILITY IN THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS.

THIS LATEST OUTRAGE HAS BROUGHT THE ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUE BACK INTO THE PUBLIC AWARENESS. SO MANY ISSUES ARE BEING DISCUSSED. THE PROS AND CONS. WHAT I CAN MAKE OUT IS THE PEOPLE IN FAVOUR OF THIS INDUSTRY FEAR FINANCIAL LOSS AND THE PEOPLE ON THE OTHER SIDE QUITE SIMPLY BELIEVE WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO LOOK AFTER THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS.

I ASK YOU TO TAKE A MINUTE TO ASK YOURSELF.....IS THE INHUMANE TRANSPORT OF MILLIONS OF ANIMALS WHO FEEL PAIN AND TERROR AND END UP IN A DESTINATION THAT HAS NO RESPECT OR CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF THESE ANIMALS CRUEL.

YES THE QUESTION IS QUITE SIMPLY.....IS THIS INDUSTRY BUILT ON CRUELTY.

ANIMALS LIVE ON THIS EARTH TOO, ONLY SADLY THEY HAVE NO POWER OVER WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM. HUMAN BEINGS WITH "COMPASSION AND A CONSCIENCE" HAVE ALL THE POWER, AND LOOK AT WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH THAT POWER, SELF, SELF, SELF, MONEY, MONEY, MONEY.

"COWARDICE ASKS THE QUESTION "IS IT SAFE?", EXPEDIENCY ASKS THE QUESTION "IS IT POLITICAL?", VANITY ASKS THE QUESTION "IS IT POPULAR?". BUT CONSCIENCES ASKS THE QUESTION "IS IT RIGHT" AND THERE COMES A TIME WHEN ONE MUST TAKE A POSITION THAT IS NEITHER SAFE, NOR POLITICAL, NOR POPULAR, BUT ONE MUST TAKE IT BECAUSE ONES CONSCIENCE TELLS ONE THAT IT IS RIGHT."

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

AS I SAID THE LIVE ANIMAL EXPORT INDUSTRY IS BASED ON ONE SIMPLE QUESTION, IS IT CRUEL ????

WHAT DOES YOUR CONSCIENCE TELL YOU !!!!!

THE RESPONSIBILITY YOU HAVE ON THIS COMMITTEE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. ARE ANIMALS THE EQUIVALENT OF A BAG OF WHEAT OR DO WE AS HUMAN BEINGS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THEM FOR WHAT THEY ARE, LIVING BEINGS WITH NO VOICE OF PROTEST.

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