

Dear Senator,

Urgent – Canada’s Cattle Feeders Call Upon Senators to Defeat Amendment to C-234

The National Cattle Feeders’ Association (NCFA) calls upon you to **defeat the amendment to Bill C-234** proposed by some Members of the Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry (AGFO).

Bill C-234 seeks to amend the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* to extend the exemption for qualifying farming fuel to natural gas and propane. This Bill addresses a fundamental oversight within the *Act*, which only provides an exemption to on-farm utilization of gasoline and diesel. While these fuels are indispensable for farm operations, natural gas and propane is equally imperative and should have been included from the outset.

Natural gas and propane play an integral role in day-to-day cattle feedlot activities, particularly in the preparation of livestock feed, encompassing processes such as steam-flaking of corn, dry-rolling, tempering, and steam-processing of barley.

Implementing these methods enhances feed efficiency in livestock, resulting in significant environmental benefits. Given the absence of feasible alternative fuels for these operations, the carbon pricing mechanism falls short of driving behavioral changes. Instead, it merely curtails farmers’ capacity to reinvest in their operations.

NCFA has grave concerns regarding the amendment proposed by the AGFO Committee to remove provisions related to heating and cooling of livestock barns, greenhouses and other buildings used to grow food. This amendment dramatically changes the scope and principle of Bill C-234.

Accepting this amendment increases the potential for a significant delay in the passage of this Bill. This piece of legislation has been long overdue for our farmers, and further delay could effectively kill the bill.

Bill C-234 received multi-party support in the House of Commons, with unanimous support from the Green Party, NDP, Bloc and Conservatives. Some Liberal MPs voted in favour of the Bill as well, including the Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food.

I urge you to reject this amendment at the report stage and promptly pass the Bill in its original form - the Canadian beef sector is counting on you.