

# Lamont County

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Honourable Rachel Notley,  
Office of the Premier  
Minister, International & Governmental Relations  
307 Legislature Building  
10800 – 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Honourable Premier Rachel Notley,

Lamont County Council and Agriculture Service Board at their regular meetings, discussed Bill 6, *the Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act*, and thus have raised concern over the changes proposed on the agriculture community in their municipality.

Lamont County does support that the issue of safety being raised is critical, and is worthy of government consideration. All workers should be able to work safely at their worksite and this does not exclude the agriculture sector.

Given that many of the regulations and modifications to the current legislation are not defined or clarified, it has led to much worry and uncertainty in the agriculture community. Producers have wanted more information on how this legislation is going to affect their families and their community. There needs to be proper, concise and appropriate information provided to farm families prior to the acceptance of this bill.

In conclusion, Lamont County strongly recommends the Government delay passage of this bill until there is a clear and precise notion of what exactly this bill will entail. Prior to the bill being passed, appropriate consultation with stakeholders and producers in the agriculture sector will need to be required to correct the uncertainty from both parties.

Farming and ranching are integrated lifestyles, more than just an occupation, let's continue to have family farms thrive and carry on their legacy.

Sincerely,



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Reeve



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ASB Chairman

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