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Dear Chairman Smith & Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:  
As a former owner/operator of **Annapolis Carriage** I have a great interest in **supporting Senate Bill 286** - Crimes Against Animals - Interference with Livestock.

While operating the aforementioned business we spent a good deal of our time dealing with almost bi-weekly "false claims" of animal abuse. Not only did these "false claims" redirect our efforts to providing the best for our patrons but also interfered with the daily operation of other organizations such as Annapolis Police Dept., Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Dept., Anne Arundel County Animal Control, and even City Council and its members. After involving our staff and at least one of the organizations mentioned for each "false claim" NONE of the many claims ended up being valid.

Our horses were a major part of the Annapolis Carriage family and were well cared for as any livestock owner would do with the most valuable asset of their business. Several times we had to have our Veterinary doctor testify at council meetings regarding the health conditions of our horses. All this because some other soul thinks they know what is best for our animals.

Any assistance you are able to provide in passing this important legislation would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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