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Dan Mathews
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Dear Dan,

As discussed, please forward my attached letter to Representative Brian Bosma regarding the Indiana State Senate Bill (S.B.) 373.

Thank you,

Tony Kanal

February 28, 2013

Representative Brian Bosma
Indiana House of Representatives

Dear Representative Bosma,

I hope this letter finds you well. I've traveled all over the world as a musician and on every tour I made it a point to come back to Indiana. I have fond memories of my time there as it was my introduction to the heartland of America at 9 years old. Therefore, I was very disappointed to hear from my friends at PETA that Indiana is considering Senate Bill (S.B.) 373, which would prohibit filming on factory farms and could stop the vital documentation that is crucial in helping to prosecute animal abusers. I hope you'll stop this bill and protect our right to bear witness to these abuses.

This bill could prevent inside whistleblowers from collecting evidence of systematic, routine, and inherent abuses on farms – evidence that is demanded by law enforcement when building a strong case against animal abusers. For example, in 2008, PETA conducted a 3-month long investigation at [an Iowa Hormel supplier](#) and found that workers beat pigs with metal rods, jabbed clothespins into pigs' eyes, and even sexually abused a pig with a cane. The video evidence given to the police led to 22 charges of livestock neglect and abuse against 6 workers and helped prosecutors achieve the state's first convictions for the abuse or neglect of factory-farmed pigs.

Millions of consumers across the country, from animal lovers like me to Republican strategist Mary Matalin and animal welfare expert Temple Grandin have opposed bills like S.B. 373, and in response to this opposition, similar bills have died or been tabled by sponsors in Wyoming, Florida, New York, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Tennessee, and Arkansas (the second largest poultry state).

Thank you for your time. I hope you'll join me in protecting citizens' right to document cruelty to animals on farms. Please oppose S.B. 373.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Kanal', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tony Kanal
Band Member – No Doubt