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Sent via email: balmond@agsights.com

To Whom It May Concern;

Re: Research Project: Improved animal transport through automation and integration

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is Canada's largest voluntary general farm organization, representing more than 38,000 farm family businesses across Ontario. These farm businesses form the backbone of a robust food system and rural communities with the potential to drive the Ontario economy forward.

The OFA would like to express our support for the proposed project "**Improved animal transport through automation and integration**". The study aims to streamline management and documentation related to livestock transportation, manage potential diseases, and improve animal transport in Ontario.

Equipping livestock trailers with sensors and providing transporters with a Transport App, the project would provide an innovative and comprehensive solution for simplifying data capture and information transfer between transporters, industry, and government. Integrating transport information with sensor data which captures environmental, vehicle, and animal metrics will aid in monitoring and improving animal health and welfare, and capturing and sharing data through the entire supply chain.

OFA believes that systems should be in place which ensure safe and nutritious foods remain protected through the value chain, while maintaining and improving the productivity and sustainability of our industry. This includes traceability programs, collaborative information gathering and sharing, and animal health and welfare. OFA supports initiatives which aim to improve productivity, sustainability, and consumer confidence in Ontario's farming industry.

Sincerely,



Keith Currie
President