ATTENTION:

SMALL FAMILY AND HOBBY FARMERS AND CITIZENS CONCERNED WITH MARKETING BOARD MONOPOLIES

STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS!

PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!

HERE ARE SOME FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- ➤ IN ONTARIO ANY CITIZEN CAN BUY A BABY CHICKEN, RAISE THAT CHICKEN, SLAUGHTER THAT CHICKEN AND COOK THAT CHICKEN, BUT THE MARKETING BOARD HAS MADE A LAW THAT YOU CANNOT EAT ANY PART OF THAT CHICKEN ANYWHERE OTHER THAN AT YOUR HOME—NOT AT YOUR MOTHER'S OR BROTHER'S OR GRANDMA'S OR AT WORK OR ON A PICNIC OR ANYWHERE ELSE!!! (ARE YOU WONDERING WHAT COUNTRY WE LIVE IN???)
- ➤ MARKETING BOARD MONOPOLIES WERE CREATED TO PROTECT THE SMALL FAMILY FARMER, BUT NOW THEY REPRESENT HUGE CORPORATE MEGA-FARMS!
- ➤ PROVINCIAL MARKETING BOARDS GET THEIR PRODUCTION LIMITS FROM A NATIONAL ALLOCATION, YET NON-QUOTA HOLDERS IN ANOTHER PROVINCE CAN RAISE UP TO 2000 CHICKENS PER YEAR AND SELL THEM!!!!
- MARKETING BOARDS CAN MAKE A REGULATION WHICH BECOMES LAW UNDER THE FARM PRODUCTS MARKETING ACT, THEN USE IT TO CHARGE A PERSON (IS THAT NOT LIKE LETTING ONTARIO HYDRO MAKE A LAW SAYING YOU MAY NOT USE SOLAR OR WIND OR BATTERY-GENERATED ELECTRICITY?)
- ➤ MARKETING BOARDS SAY THAT THEY DO NOT TAKE ANY GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES (APPARENTLY THEY DO NOT INCLUDE GOVERNMENT GRANTS AS SUBSIDES, EVEN THOUGH THOSE GRANTS COME OUT OF YOUR TAX DOLLARS!!!!)
- > SMALL FAMILY FARMERS ARE A DRIVING FORCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW IDEAS AND PRODUCTS (ARE WE TO BELIEVE THAT SOME MEGA-FARM OPENED ITS BARN DOORS ONE DAY, AND SUDDENLY WE HAD RANGE-RAISED CHICKENS?)

- ➤ HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED!! ONE OF THE PRINCIPLES STATED IN 1965 BY THE BROILER CHICKEN FARMERS MARKETING BOARD WAS THAT SMALL FARMERS COULD PRODUCE A BETTER PRODUCT THAN BIG CORPORATE FARMS.
- > CONSUMERS ARE DEMANDING THE ABILITY TO BUY LOCALLY PRODUCED GOODS FROM SMALL FAMILY FARMERS, BECAUSE THEY TRUST THAT THESE FARMERS PRODUCE A GOOD, HEALTHY, AND SAFE PRODUCT. AFTER ALL, MOST SMALL FARMERS I KNOW SELL THE BEST AND EAT THE REST!
- ➤ IN 1973, WHEN THE EGG MARKETING BOARD WAS CREATED, FARMERS WHO HAD 500 OR MORE HENS GOT QUOTA, WHICH THEY COULD SELL, AND FARMERS WHO HAD FEWER THAN 500 HENS WERE EXCLUDED AND WERE DENIED THE <u>RIGHT</u> TO PASS ON OR SELL THEIR BUSINESS. (IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT 42 PERCENT OF EGG PRODUCING FARMERS HAD FEWER THAN 500 HENS!!!!) BY THE WAY, QUOTA FOR 1 HEN COSTS ABOUT \$150.00.
- ➤ IN 1965, WHEN THE BROILER CHICKEN PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD WAS CREATED, THEY MADE A POLICY STATEMENT SAYING THAT 25 PERCENT OF ANY INCREASED PRODUCTION WOULD BE GIVEN TO FARMERS NOT PRODUCING CHICKEN. ONE YEAR LATER THEY STATED IN A LETTER THAT THEY ONLY MADE THAT POLICY TO APPEASE THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY THAT HELPED THEM GET THE GOVERNMENT'S APPROVAL FOR A MARKETING BOARD.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR MPP AS WELL. IT IS A POWERFUL TOOL.

TO LOCATE YOUR MPP INFO, GO TO:

HTTP://OLAAP.ONTLA.ON.CA/MPP/CONTACT

FOR MORE INFO ON THE ONTARIO FARM PRODUCTS MARKETING COMMISSION AND THE MARKETING BOARDS GO TO:

HTTP://WWW.GOV.ON.CA/OMAFRA/ENGLISH/FARM

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TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO ATTENTION: DALTON MCGINTY, PREMIER LEONA DOMBROWSKY, MINISTER

WHEREAS THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO, THROUGH THE FARM PRODUCTS MARKETING ACT, HAS GIVEN LAW-MAKING POWERS TO THE LOCAL MARKETING BOARDS KNOWN AS CHICKEN FARMERS OF ONTARIO, ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS, AND ONTARIO BROILER HATCHING EGG AND CHICK COMMISSION,

AND WHEREAS THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO HAS APPOINTED THE ONTARIO FARM PRODUCTS MARKETING COMMISSION TO REPRESENT THE CITIZENS OF ONTARIO, TO ENSURE THAT THESE BOARDS USE THE POWERS GRANTED TO THEM IN THE INTERESTS OF <u>ALL</u> CITIZENS OF ONTARIO, AND TO REVOKE, IF NECESSARY, ANY OR ALL POWERS GRANTED, OR LAWS AND DECISIONS MADE, BY THESE LOCAL MARKETING BOARDS,

WE THE UNDERSIGNED THEREFORE REQUEST THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO CALL A PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO THE AFOREMENTIONED MARKETING BOARDS, AND INSTRUCT THE ONTARIO FARM PRODUCTS MARKETING COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A FAIR AND EQUITABLE POLICY REGARDING THE RIGHTS OF THE CITIZENS OF ONTARIO WHO DO NOT HOLD QUOTA, AND TO INCLUDE THOSE RIGHTS IN THE FARM PRODUCTS MARKETING ACT.

Name (Please Print)	Address	Signature

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