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Minister Clarke and Minister Streicker,

The Yukon Outfitters Association recently learned of the introduction of Bill No. 20 entitled Animal Protection and Control Act for consideration in the Legislative Assembly, which replaces the Animal Protection Act, the Dog Act, and the Pounds Act. Considering the degree to which the outfitting industry depends on “working animals” primarily horses and dogs to conduct its business, we are disappointed that we were not consulted on the contents or details of this legislation. We have unique needs for how we utilize the animals our businesses depend upon and are very concerned about what we are hearing regarding the species-level requirements that are being contemplated. We need legislators, regulators, and policy makers to understand our needs so that the resulting species-level standards of care are practical and appropriate for our continued use of working animals. As such, we are respectfully asking for a pause in the adoption of this bill such that we and other industries with unique working animal needs can be consulted and provide input into this important piece of legislation to ensure the animal care standards do not result in un-intended consequences that could negatively impact the needs of our businesses and operations.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,
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