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## **TAD JOINS OTHER AG GROUPS TO ISSUE JOINT STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO MERCY FOR ANIMALS VIDEO**

The Texas livestock and agriculture organizations listed below are appalled by the deplorable euthanasia methods depicted in the Mercy for Animals video. They in no way reflect the actions of the thousands of Texas farmers and ranchers who work hard every day to provide their animals with the best care possible.

Blunt force is specifically prohibited as a means of euthanasia by the American Association of Bovine Practitioners and the American Veterinary Medical Association. The euthanasia methods in this video violate these standards.

The industry works hard to ensure farmers and ranchers are trained in all areas of animal care and treatment and will continue those efforts.

We encourage and support a full investigation by local authorities. Good animal care and treatment is an obligation, not an option for farmers and ranchers and we take this responsibility seriously.

DairyMax  
Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas  
Livestock Marketing Association of Texas  
Texas Association of Dairymen  
Texas Beef Council  
Texas Cattle Feeders Association  
Texas Farm Bureau  
Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association