

## **Poultry pride**

Chicken Farmers of Ontario is committed to providing the highest quality chicken to consumers (Stop The Chicken Busts – Life, Jan. 4). We take exception to anyone who suggests otherwise; however, we do want to point out that flocks with fewer than 300 birds are entitled to operate outside of our regulated system of production.

CFO includes small and large farms, and organic producers. Our birds are raised in clean, well-ventilated, climate-controlled barns, where they can roam freely and are protected against the extremes of weather, predators and disease. Members participate in an On Farm Food Safety program, which is subject to strict audits.

Rather than eating “bugs, worms and blades of grass,” our chickens are fed a healthy, balanced diet consisting primarily of grains and a protein-mineral supplement; they have access to clean water and nutritious feed 24 hours a day.

*Murray Booy, chair, Chicken Farmers of Ontario*