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Chad MacPherson, General Manager  
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Dear Mr. MacPherson:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) describing the resolutions passed at your recent semi-annual meeting. I am pleased to offer the following comments:

**Resolution 1: Ethanol Industry**

Please be advised that the ethanol industry falls under mandate of the Ministry of the Economy. As such, I have forwarded your information to my colleague Honourable Bill Boyd, Minister of the Economy, for his review.

**Resolution 3: Ecosystem Services**

The Ministry of Environment supports sustainable approaches to development and recognizes that the ecological services provided by natural systems are the foundation for sustainability, including environmental and human health. We recognize ranchers as unique conservation partners because they share such a close common interest in sustaining the ecological health and well-being of Saskatchewan rangelands. Management that enhances rangeland health is good for both the longer-term economic viability of ranching and broader public benefits. I appreciate the input and feedback you have provided to our ministry as we have explored options that could further encourage the provision of ecosystem services from rangelands. In particular, we recognize market-based approaches as a promising opportunity.

We look forward to collaborating further with you on this, and to developing options that distinguish and reward ranchers' positive contributions while contributing to a profitable and sustainable beef industry.

I appreciate the opportunity to respond to this resolution and I look forward to working with the SSGA to achieve our common goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ken Cheveldayoff'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ken Cheveldayoff

cc: Honourable Bill Boyd, Minister of the Economy