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Dear Mr. Gillespie:

Thank you for your correspondence of January 22 and 25, 2016, sharing the views of the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). The Government of Canada welcomes and values your contribution to the ongoing discussion about the TPP. I regret the delay in replying to you.

Our government supports free trade as it will help to open markets to Canadian goods and services, grow Canadian businesses, create well-paying jobs, and provide choice to Canadian consumers.

The government is undertaking a broad process of consultations across the country. Together with Cabinet and parliamentary colleagues, as well as trade officials, I have been actively consulting with Canadians from coast to coast to coast. These consultations have included the provinces and territories, civil society, business representatives, farmers, academics, labour unions, students and citizens more broadly.

Going forward, consultations will remain key. We have seen and heard from Canadians who feel the TPP presents significant opportunities, those who have serious concerns, and also from those who have not made up their minds or have further questions as they continue to deliberate the merits of Canada's participation. We are committed to giving all Canadians an opportunity to fully debate the TPP's implications.

Thank you again for your contribution to the government's dialogue on the TPP.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of International Trade