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Mr. Chad MacPherson
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Dear Mr. MacPherson:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the resolutions passed at the 2018 Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association's annual general meeting. The resolutions address a number of key issues related to policies and programs affecting Canadian agriculture, and I commend your organization for working to advance the interests of Saskatchewan cattle producers. I appreciate the opportunity to address resolution #8, which falls within the purview of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) is great news for Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector. The CPTPP will help create export opportunities, ensure that Canadian agricultural products can compete on a level playing field with key competitors, and grow the Canadian economy. Canada and the other CPTPP parties are now undertaking their respective domestic procedures toward ratifying the Agreement. On June 14, 2018, the Minister of International Trade introduced the CPTPP implementation legislation in the House of Commons. Canada will work expeditiously to ratify the CPTPP to ensure that Canadians can enjoy the benefits of the Agreement as soon as possible, while also being respectful of the parliamentary process.

I trust that this information will be useful to you. Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lawrence MacAulay".

Lawrence MacAulay, PC, MP

c.c.: The Honourable Jim Carr, PC, MP

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