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Mr. Chad MacPherson
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Dear Mr. MacPherson:

Thank you for your correspondence in which you request a response from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) to the resolutions from the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association's (SSGA) semi-annual general meeting, which was held on January 18, 2019.

Please find below responses to the resolutions that pertain to AAFC.

Resolution 1: *That SSGA lobby the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan to make traceability equipment an eligible expense under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP).*

Response: Under CAP, provinces and territories have the flexibility to design and deliver cost-shared programs that meet regional needs. Under Saskatchewan's bilateral agreement, certain types of traceability support are eligible. While radio frequency identification readers are no longer eligible for rebate under CAP, producers are now eligible for a rebate of up to \$15,000 for eligible livestock handling equipment under the Assurance System Producer Rebate. To determine eligibility, please contact the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture at 1-866-457-2377 or at aginfo@gov.sk.ca. For more information, you may also visit www.saskatchewan.ca/business/agriculture-natural-resources-and-industry/agribusiness-farmers-and-ranchers/canadian-agricultural-partnership-cap.

Resolution 5: *That SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to maintain the licence for strychnine until a viable alternative is available.*

Response: The registration and regulation of pesticides in Canada, including strychnine, falls within the purview of Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency. Therefore, I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to my colleague the Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health, for her consideration.

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Resolution 7: *That SSGA lobby the Governments of Saskatchewan and Canada to include trucker training as an eligible expense under CAP.*

Response: Under CAP, practical skills training is considered a normal operating cost and thus an ineligible activity. The suite of cost-shared programs to support livestock producers in Saskatchewan includes rebates for environmental initiatives, water development projects, biosecurity protocols, and animal welfare improvements.

I trust that this information will be of assistance to you. Again, thank you for writing to me on these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawrence MacAulay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "L".

Lawrence MacAulay, PC, MP

c.c.: The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, PC, MP