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November 26, 2020

Mr. Chad MacPherson
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Dear Mr. MacPherson:

Thank you for your letter including resolutions adopted at the 2020 Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association's annual general meeting. The resolutions address key issues related to policies affecting Canadian agriculture, and I commend your organization for working to advance the interests of Saskatchewan cattle producers. I appreciate the opportunity to address resolutions 1 and 2, which are of relevance to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

In Canada, the registration and regulation of pesticides falls under the responsibility of Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency via the authority of the *Pest Control Products Act*. I have therefore taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, for consideration.

Rest assured that Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada will continue working with all stakeholders so that we can protect and enhance our agricultural and natural assets, while ensuring the health and safety of Canadians and the environment.

With regard to alternative meat products and their labelling, it is important for Canadians to know what is in their food, and industry should be supported with clear guidelines on this issue. With this in mind, the consultations mentioned by Dr. Siddika Mithani in her correspondence to you launched on November 3. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is gathering comments from industry and Canadians on updated guidelines to clarify what constitutes simulated meat and simulated poultry products in accordance with the *Food and Drug Regulations* and the *Safe Food for Canadians Regulations*. Information on the consultations and a path to participation can be found at www.inspection.gc.ca/about-cfia/transparency/consultations-and-engagement/proposed-changes/eng/1603132414260/1603132414885. We would very much like to hear from the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Bibeau". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, PC, MP

c.c.: The Honourable Patty Hajdu, PC, MP

Dr. Siddika Mithani, President, Canadian Food Inspection Agency