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Chad MacPherson
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Dear Chad MacPherson:

The Ministry of Agriculture takes the protection of our livestock populations very seriously. We continue to remain actively involved in prevention, detection and response for several federally reportable and notifiable diseases and understand the critical role preparedness plays in the event of an outbreak of FMD. FMD preparedness is crucial to mitigating an outbreak and we fully support initiatives that will help protect our provincial livestock populations against this threat.

Resolution: That the SSGA lobby the Government's of Canada and Saskatchewan to fully fund the FMD vaccine bank.

We understand the importance of this issue and are involved in various discussions occurring, including exploring possible options with our federal partners and the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) on FMD vaccine bank planning.

Recently, I have written to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to confirm our support for industry's request to establish a Canadian FMD vaccine bank. The ministry is committed to continued participation in these discussions.

Resolution: That the SSGA lobby the federal and provincial governments to fund the development of an electronic livestock manifest that will meet the requirements of the Federal and Provincial regulations.

The Ministry of Agriculture is currently developing regulations under *The Animal Production Act*. To ensure use of future technologies, electronic manifests are proposed to be an accepted form of recording transport of livestock in Saskatchewan.

Currently, the paper manifest meets all the requirements of provincial legislation; any changes needed to meet federal legislation must be done in conjunction with the Canadian Food

Inspection Agency. You are encouraged to partner with national industry organizations, such as the Canadian Cattle Association, to start discussions with the federal government on implementation of national electronic manifests.

Resolution: That the SSGA lobby the APP delivery agencies to recognize LPI as an accepted financial backstop.

Some Advanced Payment Program (APP) delivery agencies do allow Livestock Price Insurance as a form of security, and we are supportive. I encourage you to contact the APP administration (AAFC) or the delivery agencies directly. We will cooperate with accommodating this process with the agencies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Marit". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D" and a long, thin tail extending upwards and to the right.

David Marit
Minister of Agriculture