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Dear Chad MacPherson:

Thank you for your email regarding the resolutions carried at the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association's (SSGA) Annual General Meeting on June 7, 2022. I am pleased to respond to resolutions 2, 15 and 21 on behalf of the Ministry of Corrections, Policing, and Public Safety.

With regard to resolution #2, the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) is a program that is cost shared with the federal government and as such shares parameters including the two million dollar gross revenue cap. As PDAP is a federal program, the province continues to work with our federal partners on the review of the program, however no changes are anticipated in 2022.

However, on June 16, 2022, the PDAP (Supplemental – Spring 2022) was announced to extend assistance to agricultural operations outside of the federal PDAP revenue cap. Producers affected by this spring's storms can access this supplemental program by completing a PDAP application, those who completed an application prior to the announcement of the supplemental program will be automatically considered for assistance.

With regard to resolution #15, Saskatchewan has taken action to address what we believe to be federal encroachment on provincial rights. For example, we have completed the process we started earlier in 2020 and have employed our own Provincial Chief Firearms Officer (CFO) effective September 2021. The CFO deals with issues surrounding licenses, authorizations, ranges, education and advocates for responsible firearms owners.

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The Government of Saskatchewan is concerned about the Federal Governments announcement of a firearms ban and recently proposed handgun freeze legislation, which only serves to penalize law-abiding firearms owners. We continue to explore all available options and legislation available to advocate for responsible firearms ownership and use in Saskatchewan.

Lastly, with regard to resolution #21, while we recognize drought as a continuing pressure for livestock producers in some areas of the province, PDAP is intended for sudden disasters with immediate effects and is unable to assist with a long term lack of moisture. For assistance in rebuilding the impacted herds we recommend producers investigate programs such as the Federal Advance Payments Program and AgrilInvest.

Thank you for bringing these matters to my attention. I look forward to continuing to work with you on topics of interest to Saskatchewan stock growers.

Sincerely,



Christine Tell  
Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety

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Honourable Jeremy Cockrill, Minister of Highways  
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