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Chad MacPherson
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Dear Chad MacPherson:

Thank you for your providing me a copy of the resolutions passed at this year's Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) 2022 Semi-Annual Meeting held on February 2, 2022.

Resolution #4 requests that the Government of Saskatchewan modernize *The Surface Rights Compensation and Acquisition Act (SRACA)* to protect landowners and rural municipalities (RMs) against non-payment and bankruptcy by oil and gas companies concerning surface lease rentals and taxes. The Government of Saskatchewan is aware of the challenges landowners and RMs are facing when it comes to collecting surface lease rentals and taxation revenue from some companies operating on their land or within their RM. At the same time, we also remain mindful of the importance of the oil and gas sector to Saskatchewan's economy and the pressures the industry has been under in recent years.

The SRACA specifically governs the relationship between landowners and those looking to gain surface access to lands to pursue resource development. Municipal debts are outside the scope of the SRACA. The Government of Saskatchewan will continue to examine opportunities to ensure that the rights of landowners are protected while also ensuring that responsible resource development can continue. As changes are contemplated, officials with the Ministry of Energy and Resources will be sure to connect with the impacted stakeholders.

Thank-you again for providing me this year's SSGA resolutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susanna Laaksonen-Craig', written in a cursive style.

Susanna Laaksonen-Craig
Deputy Minister

