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Dear Chad MacPherson:

Thank you for your June 15, 2021, email regarding the resolutions from the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) 2021 Annual General Meeting. I am pleased to provide a formal response on behalf of the Ministry of Trade and Export Development on resolutions #7, #8 and #18.

- Resolution #7 – that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to offer incentives, including tax rebates and discounts on utilities and water to investors that construct new or expand livestock processing and value-added facilities in Saskatchewan.
- Resolution #8 – that SSGA work with the Government of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities and livestock industry associations to develop a more predictable Intensive Livestock Operation permitting process.
- Resolution #18 – that SSGA lobby federal and provincial governments to eliminate interprovincial trade barriers for provincially inspected meat products.

The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to supporting the agriculture industry, as reflected in Growth Plan activities to:

- increase agriculture value-added revenue to \$10 billion;
- double meat processing and animal feed value-added revenue to more than \$1 billion;
- reduce interprovincial barriers to trade; and
- encourage development of fully serviced industrial sites.

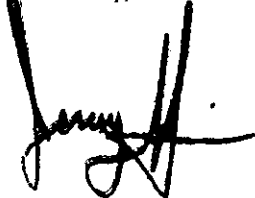
There are various incentive programs in place that are available to potential livestock processing investors including the Saskatchewan Value-added Agricultural Incentive, which provides a 15 per cent non-refundable tax credit on capital expenditures valued at \$10 million or more. Livestock processing facilities may qualify for manufacturing and processing incentives such as the Manufacturing and Processing Profits Tax Reduction. As well, Saskatchewan offers one of the lowest small business corporate income tax rates in the country. We regularly review and monitor tax rebates and discounts, such as those proposed by the SSGA, to ensure that Saskatchewan is *The Place to Do Business* within Canada and around the world.

Our government is committed to expanding the intensive livestock industry in Saskatchewan. Over the past ten years, the Ministry of Agriculture's Agricultural Operations Unit has worked with over 230 developers on expansions and new sites. We understand the approval process can be lengthy and unpredictable which increases development costs. We are currently looking at all options to help streamline this process for Saskatchewan producers and entrepreneurs.

Saskatchewan recognizes the regulatory barriers associated with the interprovincial trade of provincially-inspected meat products. Government representatives are active participants and have taken leadership roles on more than one federal, provincial and/or territorial committee dedicated to understanding the complexities associated with this regulatory barrier, as well as steps that can be taken to allow for a freer flow of meat products within Canada that also upholds our international trade commitments. We welcome hearing examples of specific issues or possible solutions that can contribute to making progress on this important matter.

I appreciate the opportunity to review and provide input on SSGA resolutions. Officials from Trade and Export Development will keep in touch with the Ministry of Agriculture as work on these resolutions continue.

Sincerely,



Jeremy Harrison

Minister of Trade and Export Development

cc: Honourable David Marit, Minister of Agriculture