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Re: Our meeting on September 29, 2016

Hello Daniel, Mary-Jane, Manisha, and Marc:

My sincere thanks for taking the time to meet with Peter Brackenridge and myself on September 29th. We appreciated the opportunity to provide you with an overview of the National Cattle Feeders' Association (NCFA) strategic plan and, more specifically, the priority issues identified through the NCFA Competitiveness project. I was also pleased to share information regarding the Beef Cattle Research Plan.

Your update on the status of the Antimicrobial Resistance regulatory amendment package was very helpful. As mentioned, the NCFA supports the AMR action plan and the updating of prudent use regulations for veterinary pharmaceuticals. We appreciate the opportunity for Dr. Joyce Van Donkersgoed to work with Dr. Mehrotra's team in the advancement of the initiative. As requested, we will confirm our support in a separate letter. Recognizing that AMR is a complex and multi-faceted area, we are encouraged to note that an interdepartmental/agency AMR Task Team has been established to coordinate efforts.

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With respect to veterinary health products, extension of the Interim Notification Pilot Program to include low risk products used in food producing animals strikes us as a reasonable approach to reduce the necessity for downstream use of higher risk antimicrobial treatments. We commend efforts that will reduce restrictive regulatory pathways on low-risk products and enable VDD to focus its regulatory controls on areas of highest risk.

The NCFA continues to work closely with the CFIA on feed regulatory modernization. We will continue to monitor developments, and provide input if requested to the HC/CFIA Feed Drug Classification Committee as it makes determinations regarding the regulation of various "gray zone" products.

We appreciated the updates on the Regulatory Cooperation Council activities related to "simultaneous reviews" as well as the developments with Australia/New Zealand on "joint reviews." The opportunity to expand the usage of the New Drug Submissions and Supplemental New Drug Submissions processes under the umbrella of RCC is a positive development. As noted in the NCFA Competitiveness Report, we encourage the advancement of a joint review process with the US, and standardization of such areas as withdrawal times. For our part we will continue to encourage pharmaceutical companies to make simultaneous submissions for veterinary drug approvals.

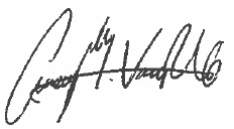
Finally, in the area of research we will be pleased to share information and involve VDD in the Beef Cattle Research Plan as it evolves. We will communicate directly with Dr. Ireland in this regard.

On a closing note, on behalf of all the Directors and Staff at NCFA, I extend my personal thanks and appreciation to you, Daniel, for your leadership of Canada's veterinary drug regulatory program, and the model of national and international collaboration that you have provided. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Also, congratulations to you, Mary-Jane, on your appointment as Director General and I look forward to continuing the cordial and productive relationships NCFA has established with the VDD over the past number of years.

Again, thank you for meeting with us. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any questions, or require clarification, on issues pertaining to the cattle feeding sector.

Sincerely,



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