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The Honourable Mary Ng, PC, MP  
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Dear Minister Ng,

On behalf of the National Cattle Feeders' Association (NCFA), I am writing to express our serious concerns with Bill C-282 and the profound impacts it will have on Canada's economy if passed into law.

The National Cattle Feeders' Association (NCFA) is the voice of Canada's cattle feeders. We work to improve the growth, sustainability and competitiveness of the beef sector in Canada. A critical component to the success of the beef sector is ensuring Canada has strong existing and new trade agreements through promoting and defending science-based trade rules.

Canada's beef industry contributes \$9.7 billion in farm cash receipts annually, contributes \$21.8 billion to national GDP annually and accounts for 347,000 jobs, each one of which supports another 3.9 jobs elsewhere in the economy.

Each year Canada exports about half the value of all live cattle we raise and beef that we produce. Over the last 10 years, our Canadian live cattle and beef exports have seen tremendous growth, moving from \$1.4 billion to \$4.5 billion.

Minister, you understand first-hand what is required for Canadian negotiators to deliver the best trade deals for our country. And thus, you understand how Bill C-282 presents a scenario where Canada's ability to negotiate and conclude comprehensive trade negotiations would be severely jeopardized. So, it is with great concern that we witnessed the support from you and your Liberal colleagues for Bill C-282 at second reading.

Bill C-282 holds the potential to negatively impact Canada's reputation with trading partners and makes it untenable to secure the best trade deals for Canadians. In addition, the potential passing of this bill sets a very dangerous precedent by inviting other sectors and trading partners to seek similar exclusions from trade negotiations. Canada does not want to begin down a road where it prioritizes the economic interests of one sector at the expense of the economic interests of all other sectors.

As Minister responsible for international trade, we ask that you assist your Cabinet and Caucus colleagues to understand the long-term economic and trade implications that will result if this bill becomes law. We call upon your leadership in ensuring Bill C-282 is voted down at third reading.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. Tranberg', written in black ink.

Janice Tranberg  
President & CEO