



**Canadian  
Cattle  
Association**



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Senate of Canada  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Senator,

The National Cattle Feeders' Association (NCFA) and the Canadian Cattle Association (CCA) represent farm families producing high-quality Canadian beef - enjoyed by consumers in Canada and around the globe.

Canada exports approximately 50% of the live cattle we raise and the beef that we produce - the United States accounts for 75% of those exports. Thus, CUSMA is of critical importance, but so too is diversifying our exports through new and renewed trade agreements.

**We write today to express our ongoing and profound concerns with Bill C-282 and the negative impact it will have on Canada's economy and trade stability.**

Canada has worked tirelessly to promote open and rules-based trade in bilateral discussions and international fora. Bill C-282 represents a profound change in that approach.

The Bill is simply bad trade policy and will make it nearly impossible to negotiate new trade agreements in the best interest of all Canadian sectors. And at this juncture, we are incredibly concerned that the Bill waves a dangerous red flag in front of the United States and the upcoming 2026 CUSMA review.

Canada must not prioritize the economic interests of one sector at the expense of all other sectors – sectors well beyond agriculture. In today's geopolitical environment, trade deals are being negotiated in the face of constant and unexpected change. Canadian negotiators need the flexibility to track alongside these changes.

Once this legislation is passed, it will be incredibly difficult to reverse the momentum and damage. The Bill will continue to invite our trading partners to also consider legislating exclusions from their own trade negotiations.

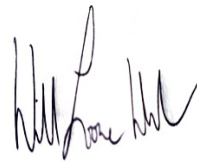
**We respectfully call on Senators to reject this Bill or at a minimum support the proposed amendments by the Senate Foreign Affairs and International Trade Committee.** Canada's export economy simply cannot afford the impact of this legislation on all sectors in order to protect one.

There is so much global opportunity for Canada – enough for all of us to win. Bill C-282 does not set a winning path for any of us.

Sincerely,



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Will Lowe, Chair  
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