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Members of Parliament  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Members of Parliament:

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

**We write today to express our profound concern with Bill C-202 and the negative impact it will have on Canada's economy and trade as well as our unease with the possible fast tracking of the legislation through the House of Commons.**

Bill C-202 is identical to Bill C-282 which did not pass through parliament in the last session and created an unnecessary divide amongst the agriculture sector as well as parliamentarians. The bill is a political wedge and has serious repercussions for Canada's economy that relies on trade.

Because Bill C-202 is identical to Bill C-282, there is a parliamentary procedure that would allow the House of Commons to fast-track this Bill directly to the Senate. We strongly believe this is not a responsible approach for two key reasons:

- Over 1/3 of the Members of Parliament sitting in this session were not present in the last session and thus did not have the opportunity to review the bill and choose how to vote accordingly.
- When C-282 was studied and passed in the House of Commons in Spring 2023, the global trading environment was dramatically different and thus Bill C-202 needs to be studied by the House of Commons in the context of the current the risks and challenges Canada is facing.

**We call on Members of Parliament to not fast track the bill through the House of Commons and to give very careful consideration to the negative impacts that will unfold if one sector is protected at a cost to all other sectors at the negotiation table, through binding legislation.**



Canada has worked tirelessly to promote open and rules-based trade in the international fora. In recent months, we have witnessed a concerning trend away from these rules that all Canada exporters rely upon for successful global trade. Bill C-202 represents a distinct change to Canada's policy on free trade. And at this juncture, we are incredibly concerned that the Bill will send a dangerous anti-trade message to the United States and Mexico on the heels of the 2026 CUSMA review.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss Bill C-202 further and outline our concerns with the bill, at your request.

Sincerely,

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