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**RE: Renewal of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA)**

Dear Prime Minister Carney and Ministers,

On behalf of leaders in Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector, we write to echo the recent correspondence from our U.S. counterparts and express our strong support for the full 16-year renewal of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA). Our organizations represent a broad spectrum of agriculture and agri-food industries—including farmers, ranchers, processors, and agribusinesses, to name a few. These stakeholders have greatly benefited from the seamless economic integration across North America made possible by the provisions of the CUSMA agreement.

CUSMA has been instrumental in fostering a stable, integrated North American agricultural market. It has enabled Canadian farmers, ranchers, processors, and exporters to thrive through predictable access to our most important trading partners. As a result, trade between all three countries under CUSMA has led to the tripling of the value of North American agriculture and agri-food trade between 2005 and 2023, totaling approximately \$400 billion CAD (\$285 billion USD).

The agreement's provisions—particularly those related to sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures, biotechnology, technical barriers to trade, and dispute settlement—have provided the predictability and stability, regulatory clarity as well as science-based frameworks necessary for innovation, investment, and growth. That is why we are calling on governments to maintain the agreement's SPS provisions, which have improved transparency and ensured science-based treatment of agricultural products—protecting plant and animal health. The continuation of science-based regulatory cooperation is critical to ensuring timely access to agricultural innovations. We also fully support the Chapter 31 dispute settlement provisions in the Agreement which provide a mechanism for resolving barriers that otherwise disrupt market stability and growth.

As global competition intensifies and the integrity of the international trade system is challenged, it is more important than ever that Canada stands firm in its commitment to a rules-based trading environment. CUSMA's renewal is not only a matter of economic necessity—it is a strategic imperative to safeguard food security, support rural communities, and maintain our global competitiveness. The success of the North American economy depends heavily on the predictability and stability afforded by a full 16-year renewal of the CUSMA agreement and related texts, without weakening its provisions or introducing any changes that negatively affect the agricultural sector.

We stand ready to work with your government and our North American partners to ensure that CUSMA continues to deliver for the North American agriculture agri-food sector and for all Canadians.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick  
Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan  
Alberta Beef Producers  
Alberta Cattle Feeders' Association  
Alberta Federation of Agriculture  
Alberta Milk  
Alberta Pork  
Animal Nutrition Association of Canada  
Aquaculture Association of Nova Scotia  
Association des Aquaculteurs du Québec  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers

Atlantic Canada Fish Farmers Association  
Beef Farmers of Ontario  
BC Agriculture Council  
BC Dairy Association  
BC Fruit Growers Association  
BC Greenhouse Growers Association  
BC Pork  
BC Salmon Farmers Association  
BC Shellfish Growers Association  
British Columbia Cattlemen's Association  
Canadian Aquaculture Industry Alliance  
Canadian Association of Bovine Veterinarians  
Canadian Beekeepers Federation  
Canadian Bison Association  
Canadian Cattle Association  
Canadian Federation of Agriculture  
Canadian Hatching Egg Producers  
Canadian Honey Council  
Canadian Livestock Transporters' Alliance  
Canadian Meat Council  
Canadian Nursery Landscape Association  
Canadian Ornamental Horticulture Alliance  
Canadian Potato Council  
Canadian Pork Council  
Canadian Poultry & Egg Processors  
Canadian Produce Marketing Association  
Canadian Seed Growers' Association  
Canadian Sheep Federation  
Canadian Sugar Beet Producers Association  
Canadian Veal Association  
Chicken Farmers of Canada  
Dairy Farmers of Canada  
Dairy Farmers of Manitoba  
Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick  
Dairy Farmers of Newfoundland and Labrador  
Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia  
Dairy Farmers of Ontario  
Dairy Farmers of Prince Edward Island  
Deans Council - Agriculture, Food and Veterinary Medicine  
Egg Farmers of Canada  
Equestrian Canada  
Foreign Agricultural Resource Management Services (F.A.R.M.S.)  
Flowers Canada Growers  
Food and Beverage Canada

Food, Health & Consumer Products of Canada  
Fruit and Vegetable Growers of Canada  
Holland Marsh Growers Association  
Horticulture Nova Scotia  
Keystone Agricultural Producers  
Les Éleveurs de Porcs de Québec  
Les Producteurs de bovins du Québec  
Les Producteurs de lait du Québec  
l'Union des producteurs agricoles  
Manitoba Beef Producers  
Manitoba Pork  
Mushrooms Canada  
National Cattle Feeders' Association  
National Circle for Indigenous Agriculture & Food  
National Sheep Network  
New Brunswick Cattle Producers  
Newfoundland Aquaculture Industry Association  
Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture  
Nova Scotia Cattle Producers  
Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture  
Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association  
Ontario Aquaculture Association  
Ontario Federation of Agriculture  
Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association  
Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers  
Ontario Pork  
Ontario Produce Marketing Association  
PEI Aquaculture Alliance  
PEI Cattle Producers  
PEI Federation of Agriculture  
PEI Hog Marketing Board  
PEI Potato Board  
NB Pork  
Pork Nova Scotia  
Quebec Produce Marketing Association  
Quebec Vert  
Restaurants Canada  
Saskatchewan Cattle Association  
SaskMilk  
Sask Pork  
Spirits Canada  
Turkey Farmers of Canada  
Yukon Agricultural Association