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Mr. Bev Shipley, MP
Room 611, Justice Building
House of Commons
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Shipley:

Thank you for your letter and enclosures, including two from the Canadian Pork Council and Egg Farmers of Ontario, regarding comments and recommendations on the new food policy. I appreciate your hosting roundtables and engaging with Canadians on *A Food Policy for Canada*.

As you know, *A Food Policy for Canada* is an important step for our country. Few things affect us as much as the food that we eat, which is why consulting with Canadians about what is most important to them when it comes to food is so vital. The roundtable sessions hosted by members of Parliament help provide unique regional and local perspectives and are important in helping our understanding of Canadians' food-related priorities.

I agree that Canada produces some of the world's best-quality goods, whether sold as consumer-ready products, packaged under private labels, or used as ingredients in processing food and non-food products. I have taken note that a consensus emerged from your meetings calling for more education within Canada and across the world about the high-quality food products that are produced in Canada. Rest assured that the information you provided will be considered in the development of the food policy.

Again, thank you for writing, hosting roundtables, and sharing the enclosed reports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lawrence MacAulay".

Lawrence MacAulay, PC, MP

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