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Ms. Marilyn Braun-Pollon
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Canadian Federation of Independent Business
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Dear Ms. Braun-Pollon:

Thank you for your letter and for sharing your organization's summary of farm members' priority concerns for the next federal-provincial-territorial (FPT) agricultural policy framework and thoughts on how the next policy framework can contribute to enhancing the sector's competitiveness and profitability.

As you may be aware, my provincial and territorial colleagues and I reached an agreement on the key elements of a new FPT agricultural policy framework during our annual meeting held in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, July 19-21, 2017. At the conclusion of the meeting, we announced the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP), which is a five-year, \$3-billion investment that will strengthen the agriculture, agri-food, and agri-based products sector and ensure continued innovation, growth, and prosperity. For more details, please visit www.agr.gc.ca/eng/about-us/key-departmental-initiatives/the-canadian-agricultural-partnership/?id=1461767369849.

As you indicated, many of the concerns raised by your members are priority areas under CAP. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada will work in partnership with the provinces and territories to develop programming that focuses on these priorities and supports the sector's ability to capitalize on opportunities and enhance competitiveness. While reducing red tape was not an explicit priority area for CAP, the role of strong and effective regulatory approaches figured prominently in many of the priority areas themselves and will be an important tool in enhancing productivity growth and managing risks.

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Currently, federal, provincial, and territorial governments are on track to deliver the next agricultural policy framework on April 1, 2018. I appreciate your input and encourage you to stay engaged as the framework is finalized and programming implemented.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lawrence MacAulay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "M".

Lawrence MacAulay, PC, MP