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Representing the Beef Cattle Industry of British Columbia

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Hon. Pam Alexis
Minister of Agriculture and Food
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Our File: 2023-002
Sent via email

Dear Minister Alexis,

Re: Livestock Identification Regulation Modernization

The BC Cattlemen's Association (BCCA) members passed a resolution at our AGM. This resolution requests that brand inspectors have the ability to restrict cattle from leaving a prescribed area until they are inspected, ensuring the continued protection of producers from theft or misappropriation of their livestock.

Previously, in February 2022, BCCA and Ownership Identification Inc. (OII) met with ADM Jennifer McGuire and Beef Specialist Christina Forbes to discuss the Livestock Identification Regulations modernization. Following that meeting, further work was done by OII's General Manager Bob Miller and Christina Forbes to identify the changes needed to the regulations. These proposed changes were presented to then Minister of Agriculture Lana Popham on Beef Day, June 2, during a joint industry and OII meeting.

BCCA, along with OII, requests an opportunity to meet with you with the intent of advancing discussion on the modernization of the Livestock Identification Regulations. We believe that this continues to be an important issue and we urge you to move this initiative forward at the earliest possible opportunity.

Please feel free to call me at the ranch (250-486-3552) or contact our General Manager Kevin Boon at the office (250-573-3611). Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Brian Thomas, President
BC Cattlemen's Association

cc: Peter Pokorny, Deputy Minister
Laura Code, Beef Specialist