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Dear Deputy Commissioner McDonald,

RE: BC RCMP - Additional RCMP Livestock Member Request

We would like to thank the BC RCMP for their continued support of the BC Livestock Policing Section and the ongoing efforts to facilitate cooperation between the RCMP and the BC ranching community.

Our current Provincial Livestock Corporal provides invaluable service as a liaison between our beef cattle producers and the public. At one time, there were five livestock members in the province; a sergeant, a corporal, and three constables who worked throughout the southern half of the province. Today we see one livestock corporal in BC and two in Alberta. Our lone BC Livestock Corporal currently works throughout the province with both the public and with many of the over 4000 beef cattle operations.

The British Columbia Cattlemen's Association recommends and supports the request from BC ranchers for dedicated funding to establish a second Livestock policing position that we propose be based out of a northern community.

The BC Cattlemen's Association is requesting that our RCMP E-Division consider our recommendation to ensure that there is adequate policing to educate and work cooperatively with the public and BC ranchers across all areas of our vast province. Cattle ranchers in BC have reported increased rural crime as we see shortages in feed, skyrocketing feed costs and also loss due to fires and drought. The result is a significant increase in hay, cattle and equipment thefts.

We have noted and discussed at length as an association that there are significant benefits to this request and that resources to establish a second Livestock Constable position based out of a northern community will be a benefit not only to our industry but to the public at large. As an industry association we are available to meet and discuss our recommendation.

The BC Cattlemen's Association appreciates your consideration of the above requested action and looks forward to your response.

Best Regards,

Alex Kulchar,
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