



# BRITISH COLUMBIA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

*Representing the Beef Cattle Industry of British Columbia*

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Dear Mr. Kristianson,

**RE: Meeting Request to Discuss Ongoing Fencing and Trespass Issues**

The British Columbia Cattlemen's Association in cooperation with our Beef Innovation and Production Committee respectfully request a meeting with the Ministry to discuss the ongoing fencing and trespass issues facing our beef producers in the province. Our aim is to assist in establishing enforcement clauses in current legislation that would address the limited enforcement capabilities of our current RCMP Livestock Constable when auctioning these issues with beef producers and the public.

For over a decade, the beef industry has been advocating for change to the Livestock and Trespass Acts to instill enforcement clauses. In 2016, the province conducted a livestock act review and later committed to establishing a working group to address identified issues with the legislation, specifically fencing and trespass.

Additionally, as noted, Corporal Lepine, the Province's current RCMP Livestock Constable, recommended that the Beef Innovation and Production Committee urge the provincial government to establish enforcement capabilities within the Livestock Act.

The BC Cattlemen's Association is requesting a meeting with the Ministry in early 2024 to discuss and establish a working group and timelines in order to develop the necessary enforcement clauses to be included in our current Livestock Act legislation as well as Trespass Legislation.

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

Best Regards,

Alex Kulchar,  
BCCA Committee Chair  
Beef Production & Innovation