



BRITISH COLUMBIA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Representing the Beef Cattle Industry of British Columbia

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**Re: Letter of Support for Funding Applications
Food Security Emergency Planning & Preparedness Fund**

The BC Cattlemen's Association acknowledges the ongoing extreme climate and environmental events that our Province has encountered over the last number of years and the impact these events have had on our B.C. ranchers as cattle producers. As we deal with an ongoing provincial drought and the subsequent issues around water and forest fires, the urgency around these initiatives is paramount.

In cooperation with BC Agriculture Council, BC Dairy Association, BC Poultry Association, BC Horse Council, BC Pork Producers Association and BC Honey Producers we are united in our strong support of the BC Agriculture Foundation's funding application for Food Security Emergency Planning and Preparedness. We commend BC Agriculture Council for their proactive approach working in cooperation and collaboratively with BC government, First Nations, and Regional Districts to ensure lines of communication continue to evolve and remain open.

We appreciate your consideration of our request to be acknowledged as a co-applicant for the FSPP Emergency Response Program. Our intent is to strengthen the level of preparedness and resiliency of our agriculture sector in BC and the safety and well-being of those stakeholders in our cattle industry. We believe this application is of value to our both producers and communities they live in.

Respectfully,

Kevin Boon
General Manager, BC Cattlemen's Association