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Dear Dr. Burns:

RE: Thank you for supporting veterinary care

The BC Cattlemen's Association was very pleased to see the Minister's recent funding announcement that provides support student training in rural communities and food animal practices.

We want to express our sincere gratitude to you for taking the time to listen to our concerns regarding the limited access to veterinary care in rural regions. Your proactive approach, including conducting additional surveys to better understand the challenges facing veterinarians and their clients, has been invaluable.

For some time now, our committee has been worried about the shortage of large animal veterinarians. Knowing that our provincial Chief Veterinarian is accessible and committed to keeping us informed about initiatives is very reassuring. We appreciate your dedication to developing policies and programs that promote farm animal health.

The dedication of veterinarians who serve our industry, often traversing great distances to reach rural clients, cannot be overstated. Without their tireless efforts, our industry would undoubtedly face challenges.

We deeply appreciate your ongoing efforts and welcome the opportunity to continue discussions aimed at addressing the shortage of veterinary care in BC.

Keep up the great work.

Best regards,

Brian Thomas, President