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Via email: chrystia.freeland@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Deputy Prime Minister Freeland:

On behalf of Canada's 7,000 pork producers, farm families who work hard every day to care for over 28 million animals on farms from coast to coast, I want to congratulate you on your reappointment as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance.

The Prime Minister has continued to entrust you with a critical mandate to help lead the country into post-pandemic recovery, ensuring it is strong and inclusive and positions the country to fight climate change. Canada's pork producers look forward to working with you on that critical mandate.

The opportunities for pork producers to support your mandate are substantial. Canadian pork producers have one of the smallest environmental footprints globally, and we are doing more to increase our sustainability. Our diversified exports mean that we can meet the growing demand for high-quality, sustainable, nutritious protein. Food security is a global challenge and promoting free and fair trade will help ensure Canadian pork can feed families in Canada and around the world. Finally, with the support of governments, producers are investing in research and innovation to help reduce our footprint, improve our profitability, and position us for even greater success.

Canada's pork producers look forward to continuing to work with you to increase our sector's resiliency and advance our contributions to Canada's environmental, economic and social sustainability. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you soon to continue our vital work together. CPC staff will follow up with your office on this request.

Sincerely,

Rick Bergmann
Chair