



June 20, 2019

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, PC, MP
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A2

RE: CUSMA – Compensation to dairy farmers

Prime Minister,

As you prepare to announce the financial measures to mitigate the negative impacts of the Canada-EU and Transpacific trade agreements, the elected representatives of dairy farmers across Canada want to remind you of your promise at a rally in St. Hyacinthe, QC, in January this year, when you said that our community would determine the compensation for their lost revenues.

Since then, we have engaged actively and collaboratively in the Mitigation Working Group created by your government, and we have taken a pragmatic approach in identifying the financial impact dairy farmers will face because a portion of our domestic market was conceded to foreign entities. Our goal has been to identify a mitigation package that would be representative of our losses, while recognizing the realities of our economy.

Prime Minister, we welcomed your government's commitment in the most recent budget to identify an envelope to support the supply management sector. Few would dispute that within this sector, dairy is the industry that has been the most negatively impacted by these trade deals. This is why we ask you to follow through, on the budget, your promise to dairy farmers in St. Hyacinthe, and the commitment made by the previous Federal government in 2015.

In closing, be assured that we will recognize your government's commitment to ensuring that we have the appropriate mitigation measures in place that will allow us to continue to be a key driver in our Canadian economy.

Regards,

Pierre Lampron
President