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**Subject: BCAC Response to Potential Expansion of Sector 301 to CUSMA Compliant Goods**

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of BC Agriculture Council (BCAC), we appreciate the opportunity to provide input on the proposed actions arising from the Section 301 investigation concerning forced labour import prohibitions. We are writing to express serious concern regarding the proposal to impose additional tariffs on imports from Canada and, in particular, the risk that this measure could be expanded through the consultation process to include goods compliant with the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA).

Expanding tariffs to CUSMA compliant agricultural and agri-food products would have serious and unintended consequences. Agricultural trade between Canada and the U.S. is highly integrated and depends on predictable, timely cross-border movement. Even modest tariffs could severely disrupt supply chains throughout the Pacific Northwest and beyond, increase input costs, and reduce competitiveness, particularly as many agricultural products cross the border multiple times during processing. These impacts would place additional pressure on farmers and ranchers on both sides of the border.

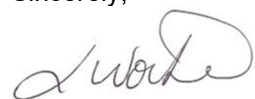
Such measures would also directly affect food affordability and food security in both countries. Tariffs on agricultural goods would raise costs for exporters, importers, and processors, which would ultimately be passed on to consumers. At a time when food price pressures persist and global supply chains remain strained, additional trade barriers risk further inflating food costs and limiting access to safe, reliable, and affordable food for both Americans and Canadians.

We must also note that applying unilateral tariffs to goods that fully comply with CUSMA would undermine the intent and integrity of the Agreement, which was designed to provide certainty and stability through a rules-based framework. Taken together with other recent trade actions affecting Canadian agricultural products, such measures risk eroding confidence in North American agricultural trade and investment.

BCAC is the unified voice of the agriculture industry in the Canadian province of British Columbia. Through our 29 member associations, we represent almost 20,000 farm families and more than 96% of farmgate sales in B.C. We work to pursue policies that support a strong and competitive agriculture sector in our province and hold membership in the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

Thank you for considering our views. BCAC would welcome the opportunity to provide further information or engage constructively as this process moves forward.

Sincerely,



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