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ADVANCING ALBERTA'S CROP SECTOR TO 2025 AND BEYOND

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Re: Public consultation on carbon pollution pricing: options for a federal GHG offset system

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Alberta's grain farmers, Team Alberta would like to thank ECCC for the opportunity to provide input on the proposed GHG offset system. Alberta has been the leading jurisdiction in Canada, if not the world, for experience in land-based offsets and sequestration of carbon as a direct result of the management practices of our members.

Team Alberta is a collaborative initiative led by four of Alberta's major crop commissions to improve the long-term success of Alberta's farmers. Comprised of Alberta Barley, Alberta Canola, Alberta Pulse Growers, and the Alberta Wheat Commission, Team Alberta represents nearly 20 million acres of grains, oilseeds and pulses grown over 20,000 farms across Alberta. Together, we bring a unified voice to timely issues that have significant impact on the continued growth and competitiveness of Alberta's crop sector.

The Carbon Pollution Pricing: Options for a Federal GHG Offset System discussion paper recognizes the role of farmers in the carbon cycle, how their beneficial management practices are part of the solution. Team Alberta supports the government commitment to investing in protocol and offset development and maintenance with updated science as it becomes available. We are encouraged the Government of Canada has taken measures to facilitate a market-based system with flexibility for Made in Canada offsets and has not committed to using Internationally Traded Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOS) at this time.

Team Alberta recognizes the Paris Accord commitment will require Natural Climate Based solutions, beneficial management practices and technological advances in the agricultural field, as well as the sequestration potential of our vast prairie soils to meet these targets. ECCC has relied on previous Alberta experience in carbon offsets and Team Alberta is pleased to see that many of the key learnings in our early leadership are being leveraged in the federal GHG offset system. Thank you for the opportunity for input and recognizing the climate change mitigation efforts and practices of farmers.

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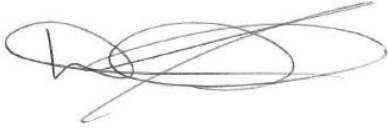
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Sincerely,



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