



# TEAM ALBERTA

## ADVANCING ALBERTA'S CROP SECTOR TO 2025 AND BEYOND

Mr. Dane Lloyd  
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*By email: Dane.Lloyd@parl.gc.ca*

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Dear Mr. Lloyd,

On behalf of Team Alberta, we would like to thank you for meeting with some of our representatives on May 22, 2019. We appreciated the generous amount of time that you shared allowing us the opportunity to communicate areas of focus for our organizations and provide an Alberta producer perspective to your positions.

We were pleased to learn of the Conservative perspective related to market access challenges and the comments on science-based, rules-based trade policy is a concept that many of our organizations support. Alberta's crop sector relies heavily on international trade and the ability to move our products to markets outside of Canada. Presently, China, India and Italy have provided market access challenges for the crop industry and we hope that efforts to support trade diversification for all crops and a focus on new opportunities will enable us to regain momentum and aim toward the economic strategy table goal of \$85 billion in exports.

The discussion on sustainability is also very important to our growers. Adoption of technological advancements, opportunities for biodiesel growth and recognition that farmers are responsible stewards of the land and play a critical role in carbon sequestration with minimum tillage practices combine to demonstrate long term commitment to sustainability. As you continue conversations regarding rural broadband access, please know that it is critical for producers in Alberta to have access for their production practices to this technology.

Finally, as Team Alberta members, we extend to you the opportunity to reach out regarding agriculture and rural issues to our organizations in the future. We would be pleased to join you again to follow up on any of these or other issues. Thank you once more for your time.

Best regards,

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Executive Director, Alberta Pulse Growers

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