



TEAMALBERTA

ADVANCING ALBERTA'S CROP SECTOR TO 2025 AND BEYOND

Honourable Devin Dreeshen
MLA for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake
Minister of Agriculture and Forestry
229 Legislature Building
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May 17, 2019

Dear Honourable Minister Dreeshen,

On behalf of Team Alberta, we would like to thank you for meeting with us so soon into your mandate. The opportunity to share important areas of focus for our organizations and members, and to discuss realistic objectives is key to building a working relationship. Learning about your current focus will assist us in providing you with valuable information in the future.

Team Alberta was pleased to share with you some key points related to our four top policy areas including: market access, regulatory hurdles, sustainability, climate change and the carbon tax, and competitiveness through innovation. In summary, our messages in these areas included:

- **Market Access:** The importance of China to each of the crops we represent is significant. There is great benefit from the Alberta International Trade offices that assist in market information and provide support to business overseas is an essential element for our sector;
- **Regulatory Barriers:** Our sector sees opportunities to engage in reductions of regulatory barriers to allow for increased growth and business opportunity, for example in addressing issues like outdated legislation concerning Fusarium Head Blight;
- **Sustainability, Climate Change and Carbon Tax:** Government needs to increase recognition of the key role that farmers play in carbon sequestration; and
- **Competitiveness through Innovation:** Government needs to focus on a plan forward for research funding that will drive innovation and build our competitiveness as a sector. Research innovation is critical to gaining competitive advantages.

We would like to emphasize that we heard your message around building the economy and creation of jobs as we move forward. Additionally, our organizations have developed an important working relationship with the Ministry and we will continue to engage the department in bringing notable issues to the forefront.

Team Alberta looks forward to building a strong working relationship with you. Collectively, we represent approximately 20,000 farmer members and would welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us if you or your staff have any questions. Congratulations again

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on your successful election and your portfolio as Minister of Agriculture and Forestry. We look forward to working with you to improve the long-term success of Alberta's crop sector.

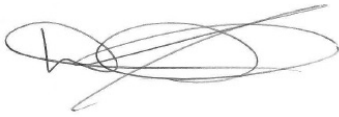
Sincerely,



Dave Bishop
Chair of Alberta Barley



John Guelly
Chair of Alberta Canola



Don Shepert
Chair of Alberta Pulse Growers



Gary Stanford
Chair of Alberta Wheat

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