



TEAMALBERTA ADVANCING POLICY ON BEHALF OF ALBERTA'S CROP SECTOR

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Office of the Minister of Agriculture
Office of the Minister of Transportation
Legislature Building
10800 -97 Avenue
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Dear Minister Mason and Minister Carlier,

On behalf of Team Alberta we would like to thank you, and your staff, for taking the time to meet with representatives of Alberta's cropping sector on September 20, 2016.

We appreciate you taking the time to hear us out on the imbalance of accountability and market power that exists in Canada's grain transportation system. We are pleased that our views on this matter align and that you will be advocating this position at the Federal Provincial Territorial transport ministers meeting.

With harvest well underway in Alberta, it is timely to be discussing improved rail service for grain shippers and farmers. Alberta's economy has always been highly dependent on the rail transport system with over 11 million tonnes of cropping sector commodities exported from Alberta alone in 2015.

We thank you for your time and look forward to continuing to build our relationship. Transportation is a critical issue in the cropping sector, for which we welcome collaboration with our provincial government to find resolve.

Please find included some further information and statistics on the importance of grain transport in Western Canada. Please feel free to reach out to our Team Alberta policy contacts, listed below, with any further questions or for further collaboration.

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