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The Honourable Sarah Guillemard
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Re: Strengthening the Biofuel Mandate in Manitoba

Dear Minister Guillemard,

The Manitoba Canola Growers Association (MCGA) congratulates you on your appointment to executive council as Minister of the new Department of Conservation and Climate. As you begin to rollout the delivery of the made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan, Manitoba's 7,500 canola farmers **encourage you to expedite the implementation of a strengthened *Biodiesel Mandate for Diesel Fuel Regulation* that will increase the renewable content required in diesel fuel sold in the province from 2 to 5%.**

As noted in the Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan, confirmed by the Expert Advisory Council Report (June 2019) and committed to in the 2019 election campaign¹, this policy tool is the key recommended initiative to achieve the reduction goals to be set forth under the carbon savings account (CSA). The canola industry fully supports your government's implementation of this policy as it is a tangible, proven and measurable way to:

- Decrease the environmental footprint from heavy-duty diesel vehicles with immediate greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions at a low cost;
- Diversify the market for canola farmers by creating new domestic demand for crops; and
- Increase the investment and job creation in Manitoba's processing sector resulting from the improved regulatory stability.

¹ August 27, 2019 - https://www.pcmanitoba.com/50_million_wetland_protection



The Canadian canola industry see this as a “win-win-win” for the environment, farmers and the economy, and we support your demonstration of provincial leadership on this file. We are available to assist your government as required as you move towards implementation. Our staff will be in contact with your office to arrange a meeting to discuss this proposed policy further.

Sincerely,



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