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Hon. Minister Squires
Minister of Sustainable Development
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April 9, 2019

Honourable Minister,

The purpose of this letter is to express our support for increasing Manitoba's biodiesel content to 5% in 2021 from its current rate of 2%. This policy, proposed as part of the Manitoba's Climate & Green Plan, will help reduce provincial emissions and allow our sector to further participate in this important market. At a time of export market uncertainty and rising greenhouse gas emissions, this increase in provincial biodiesel use will provide multiple benefits to Manitobans.

Canola is a high-quality feedstock for biodiesel production. Biodiesel is a proven renewable fuel that is supplying an increasing amount of fuel in domestic and international markets such as in the European Union and the United States. Manitoba was the first jurisdiction to implement a biodiesel mandate nearly a decade ago, and under this commitment, your government is poised to once again make Manitoba the national forerunner on this issue at a time when farmers are looking for strong support from our provincial leaders. This decisive provincial action is also important as the federal government is contemplating the future of its Renewable Fuel Standard within the development of the wide-ranging Clean Fuel Standard.

We would like request a meeting with your office regarding this important policy.

With spring approaching, our directors will soon head out to the field to seed their crops. If there is an opportunity to meet before the end of April, we would be able to bring a director to share firsthand the positive impact that this increased mandate would have on their farm.

Sincerely,



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