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Honourable Lawrence MacAulay  
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Dear Minister MacAulay,

On behalf of the Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association (SCA), I'm asking for your consideration to provide the federal government portion of the Agri-Recovery funds.

As you are aware, many cattle producers in Saskatchewan have been hit by drought conditions, some for the fourth and fifth year, resulting in feed shortages going into the fall and winter. This may force some producers to make the tough decision to sell some of their breeding herd to sustain the rest through the winter months.

The SCA is seeking the support of both the federal and provincial governments for funding to be provided through Agri-Recovery to aid those producers who are keeping their animals and require assistance to secure feed for the winter.

Continued depletion of our cattle herd can have significant negative consequences, including detrimental impacts on our grasslands and the environment. In addition, as we are an export dependent industry, continued reduction of our herd inhibits our abilities to take advantage of the many trade deals that have been signed. Finally, the fabric of rural Saskatchewan is our producers. As several consider exiting the industry due to these ongoing challenges, we lose that piece that binds us all.

The provincial government has recently announced their portion (\$70 million) of the Agri-Recovery funding. To enable producers to properly plan for fall and winter, they need this funding right away. Therefore, the SCA believes it is imperative that the federal government also make monies available through Agri-Recovery.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Day', written in a cursive style.

Keith Day  
Chair  
Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association