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The Honourable Gerry Ritz, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food  
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Dear Minister Ritz

We are writing on behalf of the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS), the Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP), and the Wild Rose Agricultural Producers (WRAP) to express our grave concerns about the actions undertaken by China to block imports of Canadian canola effective November 15, 2009. We are also concerned about the growing trend of these types of trade issues that negatively impact the incomes and markets of Canadian farmers.

We are pleased that officials of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada have been quickly assigned to deal with this matter. Given the importance of the Chinese market to Canadian canola producers, we urge the involvement of the Ministers of Agriculture and Trade in resolving this matter with your Chinese counterparts as soon as possible.

We thank you for the actions already taken and look forward to the results of further actions by the Government of Canada in resolving this issue in the interests of Canadian canola producers.



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