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Dear Ms. Fedak:

I want to acknowledge a copy of your letter of July 26th, including your ongoing concern that livestock producers are not adequately covered by any of the flood-relief programs announced by the Government of Canada.

I agree with you. And I note the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association and other farm organizations have similar concerns.

I have made this same point publically many times and I will continue to do so.

I also note that any money a farmer receives from AgriRecovery will be counted as income this year and thus offset any other amount the farmer may have been entitled to under AgriStability. But in future years, AgriRecovery payments this year will not be counted in a farmer's reference margins. So governments are minimizing their payouts under both programs, and consequently, the flood money announced to date is not truly incremental, nor is it anywhere near adequate.

We will keep pushing for a better outcome.

Yours sincerely,


Ralph Goodale, M.P.

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