

Unleash Farmers', Growers' and Ranchers' Full Potential

# VOTE for Bill C-234

## Canadian farmers, growers and ranchers drive our economy:

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### Contributing

to the agri-food sector's **\$135 billion to our gross domestic product** and provide **1 in 9 Canadian jobs**.

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### Producing

the food that feeds Canada and the world.

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### Providing

meaningful climate solutions as **stewards of 154 million acres of land** across Canada by increasing production while maintaining relatively stable emission levels: **a 50% decrease in GHG emission intensity** from 1997-2017 alone.



On-farm innovations and efficiencies such as energy-efficient grain dryers, precision agriculture technology, anaerobic digesters and solar panels can cost hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars. With no viable fuel alternatives, carbon surcharges pull capital from critical investments that would otherwise augment the sector's potential to reduce emissions further and support food security.

## An Exemption is the Best Solution.

To support farmers in their efforts, Bill C-234 seeks to amend the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* to extend the exemption for qualifying farming fuel to marketable natural gas and propane. The current carbon price rebate, introduced last

year through Bill C-8, does not fully account for the individual breadth of carbon surcharges applied to farms.

Farmers pay a carbon price on essential farming activities such as irrigation, grain drying, feed preparation, heating or cooling of

barns and other agricultural growing structures.

Bill C-234 would provide an exemption, limited to on-farm fuel use for these necessary farm practices, allowing farmers to invest their money in the efficiency of their operations.

**A vote for Bill C-234 is a vote for:**



Canadian farmers, growers and ranchers



Rural communities



Sustainable farming practices



Food security

ACA is a national coalition of farm organizations committed to meaningful and collaborative dialogue with the federal government around carbon pricing and related environmental policy.

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