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Association**



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Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry
Senate of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A4

Via email: agfo@sen.parl.gc.ca

Re: Bill C-234: An Act to Amend the *Greenhouse Gas Price Pollution Act*

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the National Cattle Feeders' Association (NCFA) and the Canadian Cattle Association (CCA), we are writing to express our full support for the expeditious passage of Bill C-234, as written, to third reading at the Senate.

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. This Bill addresses what we consider to be a fundamental oversight within the *Act*, which presently only provides an exemption to on-farm utilization of gasoline and diesel. While these fuels are indispensable for farm operations, natural gas and propane is equally imperative and should have been included from the outset.

Natural gas and propane play an integral role in day-to-day feedlot activities, particularly in the preparation of livestock feed, encompassing processes such as steam-flaking of corn, dry-rolling, tempering, and steam-processing of barley. The application of these methods enhances feed efficiency in livestock, thereby yielding commendable environmental advantages. Regrettably, farmers are taxed on these efficiency-driven practices, despite the absence of viable alternative fuels for these activities. Consequently, the carbon pricing mechanism does not incentivize behavioral shifts; rather, it merely curtails farmers' capacity to reinvest in their operations.

The beef industry is a global leader in sustainability and environmental stewardship. Canada is a leader in reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with beef production; our greenhouse gas emissions are less than half the global average per pound of beef. Further, we have created ambitious targets through our 2030 Beef Industry Goals. As an example, we are working together to reduce primary production GHG emission intensity of Canadian beef by a further 33% by 2030.

Farmers have always been stewards of their land by adopting optimal management practices and minimizing their fuel use whenever possible. Bill C-234 promises to restore financial resources to farmers, thereby enabling them to further their investment in sustainable practices.

In light of the prevailing challenges confronting the agriculture industry, including the beef sector, driven by supply chain constraints and escalating inflation, the economic relief afforded by the passage of Bill C-234 assumes paramount importance.

NCFA and CCA strongly urge the Committee to expeditiously review and endorse this critical and timely legislation, ensuring that Canadian beef producers promptly realize the invaluable relief it provides.

Sincerely,



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The NCFA serves as the national voice for cattle feeders across Canada. Together with government, NCFA is committed to harnessing opportunities for growth, sustainability and competitiveness of cattle production across Canada.

The CCA is the national voice of Canada's 60,000 beef farms and feedlots. Founded by producers and led by a producer-elected board, CCA works to address issues that concern Canada's beef producers.