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Via: bijon@albertacanola.com

Dear Board Chairs:

Thank you for your recent letter to the Honourable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta, emphasizing the importance of free and open trade between Canada and the U.S. Premier Smith has reviewed your letter and asked me to respond as Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation. I share your concerns about the impact of possible U.S. tariffs on Alberta's agricultural economy, and I appreciate the opportunity to respond on behalf of the Government of Alberta.

The Government of Alberta values the resilient farmers and producers who support our strong, export-oriented economy. The U.S. is Alberta's largest and most important agricultural trade partner, with our agri-food exports reaching \$9.2 billion in 2024. Our top exports include beef, canola oil, live cattle, processed potatoes and canola. Premier Smith and I recognize that our farmers, ranchers and agri-processors rely on this vital partnership to access markets, innovate and create an integrated North American supply chain.

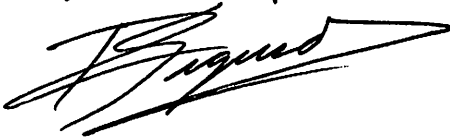
While the U.S. decision on a 30-day pause on tariffs is welcome news, Premier Smith and I continue to work closely with our federal, provincial and state counterparts to advocate for and find solutions to ensure the free flow of agri-food products between the U.S. and Canada. The Alberta government will continue to pursue diplomatic and economic efforts to ensure that American stakeholders understand the integral role Canadian producers play in feeding people on both sides of the border.

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Alberta's government is committed to the growth of agriculture in our province, including the beef sector. We are working hard to ensure our producers and processors continue to have open and predictable access to international markets.

Thank you again for writing on this important matter, and I appreciate your proactive approach and continued advocacy for free trade. Your input is invaluable as we work together to create a more prosperous future for Alberta's agriculture sector.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RJ Sigurdson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Honourable RJ Sigurdson
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