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Mr. Chad MacPherson, General Manager  
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Dear Mr. MacPherson:

The Government of Saskatchewan is responsible for ensuring livestock and poultry producers have access to a premises identification registry that meets national standards. Saskatchewan fulfilled this requirement when the premises identification database became operational in June 2015. We believe that livestock producers understand the importance of registering their premises for animal disease and emergency response. However, participation remains low under the current policy of voluntary enrolment in the Saskatchewan Premises Identification Program.

The federal government is proposing amendments to livestock traceability regulations under the authority of the *Health of Animals Act*. The proposed amendments would increase traceability requirements for livestock producers, including animal movement reporting, using the producer's premises identification number (PID). It is our understanding that the amended regulations may be in force by September 2017.

In an effort to increase premises identification registration, we will be moving to requiring a PID number, through regulation, in order to participate in programs administered by the Ministry of Agriculture. It is anticipated that this new requirement will take effect on January 1, 2017. The Ministry remains committed to assisting livestock producers during this process to ensure that all producers can access programs in a timely manner.

We are looking for support from your association to move Saskatchewan's livestock sector forward on PID registration.

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Please provide your written comments by September 15, 2016 to:

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We look forward to receiving a response from your organization.

Sincerely,



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