

Canadian Food Security Policy Group

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The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6

19 February 2016

Dear Minister:

On behalf of the Canadian Food Security Policy Group (FSPG), we would like to congratulate you on your ninth consecutive election as Member of Parliament for Cardigan, and for your appointment as Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Our association of 24 leading international development and agriculture organizations looks forward to engaging with you in your new role. We have engaged in policy dialogue with the Minister of International Development and Global Affairs Canada over several years.

We are particularly eager to share our collective experience and expertise toward assisting and informing your efforts to develop a new, evidence-based food policy. Such a policy can help to position the Canadian agricultural sector as a world leader in sustainability and in the context of a changing climate.

Guided by the new Sustainable Development Goals and recent Paris Agreement on Climate Change, Canada can be a leader in assisting the world's poorest and most vulnerable. Toward this end, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your counterparts in Cabinet to present our joint recommendations for designing policies that build on the experience of Canada's agricultural sector and Canada's expertise in promoting global food security.

Thank you for your consideration, and we wish you great success in your new role.

The Food Security Policy Group is a coalition of Canadian international development and civil society organizations seeking to promote policies and actions that protect and enhance food security in developing countries, based on decades of working in these sectors with partners in developing countries.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Hon. Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie