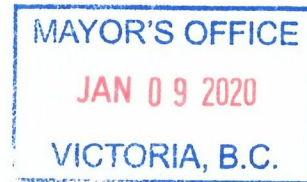


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Her Worship Lisa Helps  
Mayor of the City of Victoria  
1 Centennial Square  
Victoria BC V8W 1P6

Dear Madam Mayor:

Thank you for your letter, in which you congratulate me on my reappointment as Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. I am incredibly honoured to have been asked by the Prime Minister to serve such a dynamic sector. And as the Member of Parliament for a rural riding, I take great pride in being able to represent Canadian producers and processors across the country.

Over the next months, the Government of Canada will be focusing on key issues and challenges facing the sector, including international trade and helping Canadian producers manage risks that threaten the viability of their farms. Canada's agriculture sector is one with a proud past and a future full of promise and potential, and I look forward to meeting with the farmers who work our land, our breeders and food processors, as well as the rest of the industry.

I also wish to thank you for the enclosed copy of Victoria's *Strategic Plan 2019-2020*. I look forward to seeing Victoria's continued growth and success and wish you and your team all the best in your endeavours.

Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Bibeau".

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, PC, MP

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