

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON
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The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

Madam Minister,

As you know, public confidence in the Canadian agricultural sector is of significant importance to the various stakeholders in the sector. It is with this in mind that the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food undertook a study from February to April 2019. The purpose of the study was to better understand how the public perceives the Canadian agricultural sector, the challenges and opportunities for the sector, the current steps being taken by both industry and government to improve public trust, and what further steps should be taken.

Stakeholders from the entire food supply chain, researchers, academics and civil society representatives participated in this study. The Committee wishes to thank the 24 witnesses, including 11 from the Canadian food chain who appeared as well as those who submitted briefs (23 briefs, including 12 from industry stakeholders).

The Committee invites the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food to review the testimony and the briefs during the study in order to take into account the concerns of the agriculture and agri-food sector in the development of federal programs and measures in this sector.

The Committee also encourages the members who will be appointed to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food in the next Parliament of Canada to continue the work previously done to better meet the expectations of agricultural producers and Canadians.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat Finnigan'.

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