



ONTARIO PORK

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Hon. Michael Chong, MP
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Chong:

I am writing on behalf of Ontario Pork to thank you for your letter of May 26, 2010 to the Hon. Gerry Ritz in support of the Ontario Agriculture Sustainability Coalition's proposal for a companion Business Risk Management Program that allows producers to stay on their farms as viable businesses. A companion program of the type proposed would have the effect of making AgriStability more effective over the long run and make the entire AgriStability package of programs much more bankable and predictable. Instead of harvesting the limited equity left in their farms by taking on greater levels of debt, producers would be able to more confidently invest in developing markets, new products and other farm innovations that would benefit the local and Canadian economy.

In our view, this is the only way farming can prosper over the long term. Canadians could then be confident of a locally grown, safe and secure food supply both now and into the future.

Thank you once again for your support and interest.

Sincerely,

Wilma Jeffray
Chair