

February 24, 2021

Member of Parliament  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON  
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Dear Member of Parliament,

On behalf of the Canadian Canola Growers Association (CCGA), I write to you today to express our support for Bill C-206, An Act to amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (qualifying farming fuel) to be passed at Second Reading and moved for further study at the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food.

CCGA represents 43,000 canola farmers from Ontario to British Columbia on national and international issues, policies, and programs that impact farm profitability. The canola industry is a strong contributor to Canada. It has been the number one source of farm revenue from crops for over a decade, contributes \$29.9 billion to the economy annually and provides for 207,000 Canadian jobs.

Bill C-206 seeks to amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act to extend the exemption for qualifying farming fuel to marketable natural gas and propane.

CCGA views this bill as an opportunity to correct the penalization farmers would face due to an increase in carbon pricing by using machinery for grain drying and irrigation that are required to grow and store their crops. The increasing effects of climate change are causing an increased use in these products. To ensure that the intended outcomes of the bill are realized, machinery used for grain drying and irrigation should be added to the prescribed property category at section 3 for eligible farming machinery, upon proclamation. This will avoid confusion and ensure full implementation of the intended policy outcomes. Therefore, we would welcome Bill C-206 be moved to the committee stage for detailed study and analysis.

CCGA encourages you to support this legislation to help Canadian farmers stay competitive and thrive for decades to come, as they continue to be at the forefront of the effects of climate change.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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