

June 20, 2005

Mr. Paul Steckle, M.P.
Chair
Standing Committee on Agriculture
and Agri-Food
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Steckle:

RE: Bill C-27 -- Amendments 18.1 (1), (2), (3), (4)

I appreciated very much the opportunity of meeting with you and your colleagues last Thursday.

We trust that the concerns with the amendments to Bill C-27 identified by the Food and Consumer Products of Canada (FCPC), Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association (CRFA) and Canada's dairy processors will be taken into consideration by the Committee.

In addition to the specific impacts on existing dairy products our members produce and market, we have serious concerns with the internal trade issues that these amendments present to the Federal Government. Therefore, today I have advised the Minister of Internal Trade of these concerns and asked him to suspend consideration of these specific amendments (see attached letter).

If we can be of any further assistance in the work of your Committee, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Don Jarvis
President and CEO

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