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**To: Canadian public officials at all levels**

**RE: MUNICIPAL, PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL RESTRICTIONS ON NONESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

During the COVID-19 crisis, farmers and all of those in the agricultural sector must keep working to provide the food and products needed for Canada's food security and for export. We ask for your assistance.

This letter certifies that the holder is a farmer member of the National Farmers Union. If they are driving or traveling for farming purposes of any kind, please allow them to continue their work.

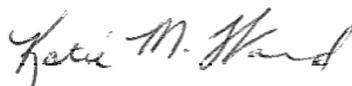
Farming, regardless of the crop type, has been identified as an essential service. On behalf of the Government of Canada, Public Safety Canada issued its "*Guidance on Essential Services and Functions in Canada During the COVID-19 Pandemic*" in 2020. This defines Essential Services including the following:

- Agriculture and aquaculture workers and support service workers including those who field crops; those responsible fuel ethanol facilities, storage facilities, and other agricultural inputs
- Workers including those employed in animal food, feed, by-product and ingredient production, processing, packaging, and distribution; manufacturing, packaging, and distribution of veterinary drugs; truck delivery and transport; farm and fishery labour needed to harvest and produce our food supply domestically
- Food manufacturer employees and their supplier employees—to include those employed in food processing (packers, meat processing, fish processing, cheese plants, milk plants, produce, etc.) facilities; livestock, poultry, fish and seafood, slaughter facilities; pet and animal feed processing facilities; human food facilities producing by-products for animal food; beverage production facilities; and the production of food packaging
- Workers undertaking traditional harvesting activities, including fishing, hunting and agricultural activities

We would greatly appreciate the assistance of police, border agents, inspectors and public health officials at all levels of government. We are asking that all farmers and producers, including NFU members be allowed to continue their safe operation in pursuit of agriculture.

For more information contact the National Farmers Union at the address above.

Sincerely,



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President

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**Des communautés solidaires et des politiques sensées pour une agriculture durable.**

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