



June 30, 2015

Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne,

On behalf of Ontario's 19,000 beef farmers, I am writing to you today to request your support for Canada's engagement in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade negotiations. An ambitious agreement would give Ontario access to a market of 800 million people and nearly 40 per cent of the world's economy.

We greatly appreciated you joining with us to celebrate the recent announcement of the collaboration between Ontario Corn Fed Beef, and Kinsho stores. Within Japan alone we have the potential to triple beef exports. Being a part of the negotiations from now on is the only way to ensure continued access to this large market on the same footing as our competitors. If Canada were to back away while the agreement is being concluded, it would have a lasting, long-term, negative impact on agriculture and agri-food exports as our market share in countries like Japan would be eroded by others obtaining preferred access through the TPP.

Premier, we believe the full opportunity provided by the TPP can only be realized if Canada is at the table when the agreement is concluded. Ontario's beef farmers and processors deserve the opportunity to compete on an equal footing in the rapidly growing pacific region. The beef industry is good business for our great province, and I ask that you support Canada's successful involvement in these crucial negotiations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Gordanier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bob Gordanier, President

cc: Hon. Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Hon. Michael Chan, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade

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