



March 17, 2022

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

Export and import supply chains have been disrupted by the pandemic, floods in British Columbia, cold weather, rail service issues, illegal blockades, port congestion, and now Russia's brutal war of aggression on Ukraine. Price shocks and significant financial pressures continue to occur and Canada's reputation as a reliable supplier has been damaged.

We are now faced with the potential of a labour disruption, which could shut down the Canadian Pacific network and disrupt the movement of a broad range of goods. We already have heard significant concerns from several sectors such as grain, livestock, forestry, potash, and oil and gas regarding the potential impact of a strike or lockout. A disruption of this magnitude, stacked on an already stressed system, would be severe.

This is also a critical time of the year for crop producers and fertilizer shortages resulting from a strike or lock-out would jeopardize primary production. A rail disruption would also further stress livestock producers who are relying on imported feed from the United States, as a result of the drought conditions experienced this past summer. Any of these additional adverse impacts on feed supplies would, in a matter of days, result in significant animal welfare issues, affecting millions of head of cattle across western Canada. Crop and livestock production and the associated value-added processing is critical to prairie economies.

To avoid further escalating an already suffering supply chain, we ask that the Government of Canada take immediate and effective measures to ensure that service on Canadian Pacific's critical rail network resumes as quickly as possible, if a strike or lock-out were to occur.

We would also like to meet to discuss longer-term measures (such as railways being deemed an essential service, like longshoremen after strikes in the 1990's) to avoid future disruptions on Canadian railways, which can have a crippling impact not only on agricultural producers but also on Canada's and the world's food supply.

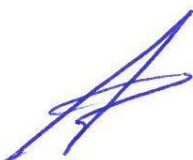
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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Premier of Manitoba



Scott Moe
Premier of Saskatchewan



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