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Mr. Corey Beck
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Dear Mr. Beck:

Thank you for your follow-up letter in regards to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's response to the Alberta Service Board Provincial Committee's seed royalty resolution (*Resolution 9-21: Protect Farmers Rights to Use Farm Saved Seed*), passed at your 2021 meeting. I appreciate the opportunity to hear your views, and to clarify the status of stakeholder engagement efforts around seed royalty models.

As indicated in my previous correspondence, the six in-person sessions held across Canada in late 2018 and early 2019 were part of a consultative process that was undertaken at the request of the Grains Value Chain Roundtable. From what we heard at these sessions, and from the letters sent by stakeholder groups such as yours, there was a lack of consensus on a clear path forward. As a result, a decision was made to postpone further consultations for the time being.

The Government of Canada will continue exploring ways to improve Canada's existing system for cereal variety development. In doing so, we remain open to all perspectives and options to enhance the profitability of the sector.

Sincerely,

Siddika Mithani, Ph.D.
President
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