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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the Verified Eggs Canada proposal to increase the number of hens allowed outside the supply management system for specialty egg producers.

As a Member of Parliament for a largely rural constituency, I believe we should do everything possible to support small family farms. Although I am by no means an expert on the subject of egg production in Canada, I have read the Verified Eggs Canada proposal, and I agree with Mr. Lind and his associates that increasing the number of hens allowed outside the quota system will help cage-free egg producers to meet higher costs of production, become more commercially sustainable, and better meet consumer demand.

From what I understand, the changes sought by Verified Eggs Canada were recently implemented in British Columbia when the provincial Farm Industry Review Board and egg marketing board decided to increase the number of hens allowed outside the supply management system for specialty egg producers.

Thank you for taking my support for the Verified Eggs Canada proposal into consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter G. MacKay

