



Hon. Candice Bergen, P.C.

Member of Parliament for Portage—Lisgar

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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for writing to me regarding Health Canada's revision of Canada's 2007 Food Guide and its nutritional labelling regulations. I always enjoy hearing from my constituents. Your thoughts are appreciated and taken into consideration.

Conservatives will continue to stand up for Canadian farmers and will continue to support our world-class meat and dairy products. I completely agree that these changes will hurt Canadian farmers, just like the Liberal's newly proposed tax changes. Conservatives will continue to be Canadian farmers voice in times like these.

A number of groups, including the Dairy Farmers of Canada and the Canadian Meat Council, have raised concerns regarding the guiding principles and recommendations Health Canada published earlier this year. They proposed new focus on eating more protein-rich food, which has industry concerned that the new food guide could lump all protein, including dairy products, into one food group and discourage the consumption of red meat. Health Canada is also proposing to place warning symbols, similar to those found on chemical products, on the labels of food too high in sugar, salt, or fat, which includes many dairy products.

Conservatives believe that Canadians should have access to accurate nutritional information so that they can make the best decisions for their families. I am concerned, just like you, that if they do place warning symbols on cheese and other dairy products that it will discourage Canadians from eating them. Canadians already know that a balanced diet, in moderation, is an important part of a healthy lifestyle. Health Canada should limit itself to ensuring that Canadians have access to simple yet accurate nutritional information.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me. If my office can be of any further assistance on this or any other matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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