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Dear [Insert name of your MP]

I am an [organic consumer, producer, processor, inspector, etc.]. **I am writing today to ask you to support the Canadian organic industry and call on the Government of Canada to implement a multi-faceted Canada Organic Program (COP) to increase the competitiveness of the Canadian organic industry and increase the adoption of sustainable agriculture practices.**

Canada's 7,000 certified organic farmers contribute to the Canadian economy and to the Government of Canada's goals outlined in the [Guelph Statement](https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/about-our-department/key-departmental-initiatives/meetings-federal-provincial-and-territorial-ministers-agriculture/guelph-statement): climate change mitigation, greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions, atmospheric carbon sequestration, biodiversity diversification and increased public confidence (at home and abroad) in Canadian food.

Despite the enormous benefits of organic agriculture, the Canadian government has decided to stop funding the mandatory revision of the Canadian Organic Standard (COS) referenced in the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations and to cancel the funding of the Standards Interpretation Committee of Canada mandated by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to interpret the COS applied under the Canada Organic Regime.

This lack of support puts Canadian organic producers at a distinct disadvantage in international markets, as competing US and European producers benefit from recurring support measures funded by their respective governments. In fact, in the [European Union](https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/farming/organic-farming/organic-action-plan_en) and the [United States](https://www.ams.usda.gov/about-ams/programs-offices/national-organic-program), legislators recognize and reward the environmental services provided by organic producers.

The implementation of the Canada Organic Program is therefore necessary and indispensable to maintain the access of Canadian producers to local and international organic markets and to ensure their competitiveness with producers in competing jurisdictions.

Consumers, processors, and farmers who choose food produced using sustainable practices expect no less from a government that claims to care about its environment and the impact of climate change.

For more information about the Canada Organic Program, view the Organic Federation of Canada’s [one pager](https://organicfederation.ca/wp-content/uploads/Canada-Organic-Program-OFC-_ONE-PAGER-ENG-220121-1.pdf) and [backgrounder](https://organicfederation.ca/wp-content/uploads/220126-Canada-Organic-Program_OFC-BACKROUNDER-ENG-Final.pdf).

Sincerely,

[Your Name]