

Member of Parliament
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Re: Agriculture Carbon Alliance’s Support for Bill C-234

Dear Member of Parliament,

On behalf of the Agriculture Carbon Alliance (ACA), we are writing to express our support for Bill C-234, *An Act to amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* which is scheduled for second hour of debate at second reading on or around May 11. We hope that we can count on your support to move this important bill to committee stage for review by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food.

The Agriculture Carbon Alliance (ACA) is a coalition of 13 national farm organizations committed to meaningful and collaborative dialogue with the federal government concerning the role of farmers and ranchers as climate solutions providers. Our membership encompasses major agriculture commodities: including grains, oilseeds, pulses, cattle, sheep, pork, fruit and vegetables, dairy, forage and grasslands, and poultry. Collectively, we represent more than 190,000 farm businesses that generated more than \$76 billion in farm market receipts in 2021. Canada’s farmers are the heart of our agri-food value chain contributing more than \$140 billion annually and providing 1 in 9 Canadian jobs.

Bill C-234 seeks to expand the definition of eligible farm machinery and amend the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* to extend the exemption for qualifying farming fuel to marketable natural gas and propane. It will provide much needed economic relief to farmers and ranchers for critical farming practices that have no viable fuel alternative, freeing up the working capital needed to implement environmental innovations on farm. The on-farm practices included in this bill are essential to food production and include grain drying, heating and cooling of livestock barns and greenhouses, feed preparation and steam flaking, and irrigation.

Farmers and ranchers are stewards of their land, adopting the best environmental practices whenever possible. But to be able to continue to invest in innovations, they need to remain competitive and have available working capital to do so.

By adopting policies that enable producers to remain competitive, they will be able to further their investments in the sustainability of their operations, which will augment the sector’s potential to further lower emissions and sequester carbon while feeding Canadians and driving our food exports.

Canada’s farmers and ranchers are strong supporters of Bill C-234 and look forward to it being moved to committee stage for further discussions, debate and analysis.

Can ACA and our 190,000 farm businesses count on your support for this legislation in order to help Canadian farmers and ranchers stay competitive, continue to invest in the latest innovations, improve their environmental footprint and contribute to the Canadian economy?



Attached you will find a leave-behind about Bill C-234 and testimony from our farmer and rancher members. We would also encourage you to visit our website: www.agcarbonalliance.ca for more information.

Members of the ACA would be happy to meet and discuss Bill C-234 and the work of our alliance at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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