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MP Kody Blois
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada
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Dear MP Kody Blois:

I wanted to extend our sincere thanks for taking the time to meet with representatives from the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA), Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC), the Canadian Animal Health Institute (CAHI), the Chicken Farmers of Canada, and the Animal Nutrition Association of Canada (ANAC) to discuss the urgent challenges related to accessing veterinary healthcare tools.

As we highlighted during our discussion, Canada is facing a critical shortage of approved and accessible veterinary healthcare tools, with the number of available tools eroding at a significant rate. This issue has far-reaching implications and threatens our collective ability to tackle global health risks such as antimicrobial resistance.

Together, our associations are urging policymakers to take action and improve access to veterinary pharmaceuticals, veterinary health products, livestock feeds, feed and water additives, parasiticides and pesticides, vaccines and other veterinary biologics in Canada. Addressing these barriers will ensure the health of livestock, the sustainability of Canadian agriculture, and the protection of public health.

We greatly appreciate your willingness to engage directly with Minister MacAulay and Minister Holland to support our advocacy efforts. Please don't hesitate to let us know if you require any additional information or assistance beyond the materials previously shared.

Thank you once again for your time, leadership, and support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Trevor Lawson
Immediate Past-President

cc: Matt Morrison, Dairy Farmers of Canada

