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Hon Lyle Stewart
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Dear Hon. Lyle Stewart

Re: Saskatchewan Land ownership

After considerable discussion the board has agreed on some key points that need to be taken into consideration when developing a new land ownership policy.

1. The owner should live in the province.
2. Size should not be a limiting factor on who should own land.

In keeping with our mandate here are some additional comments.

- We would like to see a policy that encourages economic development in rural Saskatchewan.
- With the increased competition for land and costs rising how do you get young people farming?
- What happens when large corporate farms want to sell out?
- Does land ownership need to be taken into consideration when developing infrastructure with P4's?

We are aware that it is a difficult task to develop a policy for the good of the whole province but our board was in strong support of the fact that the owners should live in our province. We hope this helps in your discussion.

As usual the board is willing to meet with you at your convenience to discuss the implications of land ownership and how this affects your provincial irrigation strategy to meet your targets for 2020.

Yours sincerely

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