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**The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C.**

Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

**Via email**

Dear Prime Minister Carney,

I am writing to you in response to the recent decision by the People's Republic of China to impose a 75.8% provisional tariff on Canadian canola seed exports. This new policy represents a serious escalation in trade tensions and an immediate threat to Western Canada's agricultural economy. We at the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce are deeply concerned about the long-term consequences for producers, exporters, and the communities that rely on them, and we urge your government to respond decisively.

Saskatchewan is the centre of Canada's canola industry. This year, over 12.1 million acres of canola were planted in our province, representing 55% of national production. Canola contributes \$43.8 billion annually to the Canadian economy and supports 55,000 jobs in Saskatchewan alone. With 90% of production exported and China ranking as our second-largest market after the United States, the potential impact of these tariffs is profound.

The market has already reacted sharply. On August 12, canola futures dropped \$30.50 per tonne, erasing an estimated \$610 million in value for Western Canadian farmers in a single trading day. Exporters now face unfulfilled contracts, costly cancellations, and the challenge of redirecting millions of tonnes to alternative markets at higher freight



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costs. If similar measures are applied to other commodities such as wheat or barley, the damage to our economy would deepen considerably.

This is a critical juncture for Canadian trade policy. Canola producers hit with these tariffs deserve the same urgency and level of federal attention afforded to other industries. We therefore urge you to meet with the President of China to press for the removal of these tariffs and the restoration of full market access for Canadian canola. Ottawa must not allow Western Canadian agriculture to bear the brunt of China's retaliation.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Prabha Ramaswamy".

Prabha Ramaswamy, CEO  
Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce

CC: The Honourable Heath MacDonald, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food  
The Honourable Maninder Sidhu, Minister of International Trade  
The Honourable Buckley Belanger, Secretary of State (Rural Development)  
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