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Response to the Federal Greenhouse Gas Offset Credit System Regulations

On behalf of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce and our members, we appreciate the opportunity to submit written comments regarding the Government of Canada's proposed Greenhouse Gas Offset Credit System Regulations.

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce has represented the Saskatchewan business community for over 100 years, and we have an active Environment Committee. Membership includes individual business firms, provincial business and professional associations and government agencies. The Chamber, and particularly its governing bodies, is charged with bringing together the diverse interests and needs of its members to shape and achieve goals that benefit its members, the organization and the province.

We recommend creating a mechanism that harmonizes protocols from other provincial jurisdictions. The Government of Canada should adopt protocols that have already been developed and tested in other jurisdictions rather than develop its own. These existing protocols can be evaluated and modified to fit the needs of Saskatchewan businesses. New protocols can be developed for specific situations as needed. This way, the offset system can be established and put in place quickly. It is also important to consider how to integrate future protocols with existing ones. A harmonized system across Canada with a plan for future protocols would be more efficient compared to each jurisdiction developing their own separate system.

We are committed to making Saskatchewan a destination for investment, jobs and talent. Removing barriers, reducing costs and simplifying the process is essential for program uptake. Otherwise, existing and new businesses will choose to invest outside of Saskatchewan and outside of Canada.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce would be pleased to provide further comment at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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