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**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2007 4:02 PM  
**To:** Johnson, Cathy (CON)  
**Subject:** CEC Review on the Hog Industry  
Good afternoon,

I am a lifetime farmer, both agriculture & livestock. My grandparents moved to Canada from Switzerland, in 1902, where they settled as farmers (dairy & agriculture), in Notre Dame de Lourdes, Manitoba. My parents took over the farm and worked very hard, clearly depicting their love for the farm as well. My love for farming was apparent at a very young age, not only at work, but at heart.

We experienced many challenges over the years, but always believe that with hard work and an open mind, all challenges are surmountable. I eventually got out of the dairy industry and pursued my love for horses by obtaining a PMU contract in 1992. Many PMU farmers lost their contacts and I did as well in 2003. Determined to continue farming, I investigated several options. In 2005 we decided that we wanted to get into the hog industry. We completed our technical review and were approved, September 2005. Porcherie Beau Vallon Ltee was incorporated December 2005. We completed construction of our hog operation the fall of 2006, spending an enormous amount of time, energy and money, putting everything on the line and willingly complying with all government regulations. We were in full operation, effective November 29, 2006. Shortly thereafter, the Gov't of MB, imposed a moratorium on the hog industry, which greatly hinders and threatens our future.

As a father of two and a 3rd generation farmer, and my children wanting to become 4th generation farmers, respecting our environment is a part of our value system. Despite the very long work hours, we always make time to further educate ourselves, as to implement the best practices that will maintain and improve the health of our environment. We completed the Manitoba Environmental Farm Plan workshop/books and have achieved certificates for both Fermes Beau Vallon Ltee and Porcherie Beau Vallon Ltee.

The hog industry has many, many rules and regulations now, and I respect and follow those rules. I feel the government is targeting our industry, when in fact, we are only responsible for approx. 1 to 1.5% of phosphorus and are always open to ways of reducing this.

The other 98.5 - 99% of phosphorus is a very big problem and yet the government is not addressing this as they should?

The industry pause is hurting the industry and threatening my family, my livelihood, and the continuance of my family farm.

The moratorium is removing responsibility of all other industries and practices which account for the 98.5 - 99% phosphorus problems, by targeting the hog industry as scapegoats. We worry how failure to truly address this 98.5 - 99% phosphorus problem, will impact us and all future generations. We are only happy to address the 1-1.5% phosphorus problem and would truly welcome the invitation to tackle the other 98.5 - 99%.

Sincerely,

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