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Leslie Maitland
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Dear Leslie Maitland:

I am writing in response to your letter of support to the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay regarding the Central Experimental Farm (CEF) and the recognition of the important work conducted on site. Please be assured that your comments have been brought to the Minister's attention. I appreciate this opportunity to reply.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) is working with the City of Ottawa and all stakeholders to protect the integrity of the CEF and of its research. AAFC is currently engaged with the City as part of a formal working group, comprising the City and the National Capital Commission, to find ways to balance the Department's important research with future developments adjacent to the Farm.

The experienced advice and guidance of partners such as your organization are truly appreciated. AAFC relies heavily on these collaborations to engage more meaningfully with the public and will continue to do so.

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Please be assured that the Department is working in earnest to preserve the significant research and innovation that takes place at the CEF while actively contributing to solutions to other issues facing the community.

I trust this information will be of assistance. Thank you for your support and for writing on this matter.

Sincerely,

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