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RE: Legislative Review of the Safe Food for Canadians Act

Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) is Manitoba's general farm policy organization, providing a unified voice for producers on issues that affect agriculture. KAP represents and promotes the interests of all producers and 19 commodity associations. KAP is pleased to respond to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's periodic review of the Safe Food for Canadians Act.

Producers across the country produce safe and nutritious food. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency plays a key role in maintaining consumer trust in a world-class food safety system. A preventative and systems-based structure, as emphasized through the Safe Food for Canadians Act, is a practical way to ensure traceability and limit the spread of food safety hazards.

As the agriculture sector continues to change it is important that the Safe Food for Canadians Act continues to evolve and adapt. Market access, consumer protection, and food safety are all key features of the act. One method for these features to evolve and adapt is through the use of regulatory sandboxes. Under the current legal framework, sandboxes are not permitted in this realm.

Regulatory sandboxes provide a framework that can allow for new ideas which can ultimately improve innovation and growth in the sector. The presence of regulatory sandboxes is not frequently used within government, but can certainly provide a starting point to test and analyze forward thinking public policy measures. Industry plays a vital role once a regulatory sandbox is permitted within the act. Such collaboration allows for valuable learning opportunities for all parties with results potentially benefiting the sector as a whole. We see value in the application of regulatory sandboxes within the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and recommend its use within the context of the Safe Food for Canadians Act.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide feedback on the review of the Safe Food for Canadians Act. If you have any questions about this submission, please contact KAP policy manger Neil Van Overloop at neil.vanoverloop@kap.ca.

Sincerely,

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