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Mr. Ken Ritter  
Chair  
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Dear Mr. Ritter:

Thank you for your letter on the process for nomination and appointment of Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) directors.

I fully agree that appointed directors should bring skills to the CWB's Board of Directors that complement those of the elected directors. I appreciate receiving the enclosure to your letter, outlining the current views of the Board of Directors concerning the appropriate qualifications for an appointed director at this time.

I feel that in addition to the qualifications that you have indicated, it is also important that directors appointed by the Government understand and support the directions of government policy in areas affecting the CWB.

It would be the intention of the Government to reflect all of these considerations when it identifies candidates for appointment to the Board of Directors.

Again, thank you for informing me of your views on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Chuck Strahl

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Mr. Ken Ritter  
Chair, Board of Directors  
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Dear Mr. Ritter:

Thank you for your letter regarding the qualities required of the next appointed Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) director. Your thoughts on this matter are much appreciated and will be duly considered as part of the deliberation process.

As indicated in your letter, and as noted in section 3.12 of the CWB Act, the CWB directors have a duty to "act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Corporation." This would include administering the CWB under the terms of its legislation and looking to its best interests for the future. A number of perspectives exist on the best interests of the CWB, even among the current CWB directors.

As the Government of Canada seeks to make changes to marketing choice and to proceed with an integrated or holistic approach to grain policy, it will be beneficial to have directors who understand the Government's policy direction in this area and are philosophically attuned with it. While directors may share the Government's perspective on marketing choice, this would not be an obstacle that would prevent the proper exercise of their duties to the Corporation.

I trust this information is of assistance. Again, thank you for writing on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Chuck Strahl

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