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VEGREVILLE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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MISSION: To be the voice of the business community and enhance trade & commerce in Vegreville and area.
VISION: Vegreville & District Chamber of Commerce and its partners are part of a vibrant, rejuvenated & growing centre, supported by an active and successful business community.

Minister Hussen,

As one of the many members of this community, I am writing to ask you to reverse the decision in closing the Vegreville Case Processing Centre.

I am the newly elected President of the Vegreville Chamber of Commerce and I am truly concerned for the welfare of our local businesses should this decision be carried through.

With the potential loss of 420 individuals in a community of 5700, the impact will be nothing less than devastating. This is no exaggeration. How are our businesses supposed to survive with a **15.9 million loss in GDP** and up to a **15% Municipal tax increase** to cover a 1.2 million shortfall in tax assessment?

Businesses within our community and surrounding area will be forced to lay off employees or worse, close their doors. We do not want businesses to close their doors. We do not want employees to lose their jobs. We do not want or ask for a social impact that will destroy our community.

Our local businesses have built this community and chose Rural Canada for many reasons. This decision will impact the business community in both the business and personal aspect. We are fortunate to have a safe environment to raise our families, draw from a large customer base to be successful and provide for our families, as well as have the opportunity to be a part of this community through volunteer work and general support. Why would you wish to destroy this?

In closing I can only hope that you will take the opportunity to reverse a decision that your predecessor made. It is your time to stand for Rural Canada.

Respectfully,
Kathy Dmytriw

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