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Supporting Farmers and Food Producers in Pontiac–Kitigan Zibi

Farmers and food producers are the backbone of our rural economy and a cornerstone of Canada's food security. They deserve fairness, opportunity, and the tools to adapt to rising costs, labour pressures, and a changing climate.

I entered politics to help build a green and prosperous Outaouais, and farmers and food producers are essential to that future. Since my election in 2021, I have visited farms across Pontiac–Kitigan Zibi and met with more than 100 farmers and producers, hearing directly about rising input costs, labour shortages, succession planning, and climate pressures. In addition to these visits, I have:



1. Advanced practical, producer-focused action federally: As

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food since 2025, I work with the Minister to advance priorities for farmers and agri-food businesses and keep federal supports practical and responsive. I have also led committee work to reduce red tape for farmers and implement the Grocery Code of Conduct.

2. Led national advocacy as Chair of the Rural Caucus (2022 to 2024): I

advanced priorities for farmers and producers focused on affordability and climate resilience, stronger innovation and knowledge transfer, and reducing interprovincial trade barriers that hold back rural growth.

3. Brought producers' voices to decision-makers through local roundtables: I convened three roundtables to connect local producers directly with federal leadership. This included:

- **2022:** A future of agriculture roundtable under my Green and Prosperous Outaouais initiative with then Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Marie-Claude Bibeau, local elected officials, CREDDO, local producers, and community partners.
- **2023:** A roundtable in Gracefield with Minister Bibeau, municipal leaders, agri-food entrepreneurs, and community organizations on food security and rural development.
- **2024:** A roundtable at the Little Red Wagon Winery with Minister Bibeau, the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce, and the UPA on fair pricing, buying local, and the next generation of farmers.



There is still more to do. I remain committed to ensuring producers have a strong voice at the federal table and that supports are practical, timely, and responsive to what is happening on the ground.

