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Dear Mr. Dyson:

BC Milk Marketing Board New Entrant Program Consultation

Thank you for your December 7, 2017, letter regarding the BC Milk Marketing Board's (Milk Board) New Entrant Program (NEP) review. Your letter reflects thorough considerations of the financial challenges facing some individuals looking to enter the dairy industry in British Columbia.

The Milk Board is conducting a consultation process as part of its NEP review. The consultation process continues through to spring 2018 and includes multiple opportunities for stakeholder input. I encourage you to participate through the online submission tool (closes April 30, 2018) and the Spring Producer Meetings (March/April 2018).

If you have any questions about the NEP consultation process, please contact Vicki Crites, Milk Board Manager of Policy and Communication, at <u>vcrites@bcmilk.com</u> or 604-854-4484. You may also visit the Milk Board's <u>NEP Consultation web page</u>.

Yours truly,

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