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Hon. Rick Doucet Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture, and Fisheries P.O. Box 6000 Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Dear Minister Doucet:

I am glad to see that you will be continuing as Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries as it will provide you with the opportunity to develop the local food strategy to which you have committed.

A well designed local food strategy will strengthen local, rural economies, enhance access to healthy, affordable foods for New Brunswickers, and reduce our dependence on imports. The Local Food Security Act that I tabled in our first session had broad public support, especially from both the local chapter of the National Farmers' Union and the Agricultural Alliance of New Brusnwick.

I urge you to make this a priority during your mandate. I would be happy to speak with you in more detail on this matter if you so desire.

Sincerely,

David Coon, MLA, Fredericton South Leader, Green Party of New Brunswick