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Dear Ms. Bronson and Co-Signatories,

Thank you for your correspondence to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau regarding the Healthy Eating Strategy and *A Food Policy for Canada*. A copy of your correspondence was forwarded to the Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health, and I am pleased to respond on her behalf.

Let me begin by thanking Food Secure Canada and co-signatory organizations for your engagement and support on the various Healthy Eating Strategy initiatives. Your feedback and active involvement have played an invaluable role in updating the regulatory requirements pertaining to the Nutrition Facts table and List of Ingredients on food packages, prohibiting the use of partially hydrogenated oils to limit industrial trans fats in the food supply, and launching the new Canada's Food Guide with updated healthy eating guidelines and a modern suite of resources to better meet the needs of different users.

Although we have made considerable strides forward, there is more to do on the Healthy Eating Strategy, including front-of-package labelling of foods high in sugars, sodium or saturated fat, and restricting the advertising to children of foods and beverages that meet certain nutrient criteria. We look forward to your ongoing support, both collectively and as independent organizations within your respective communities, as we work towards building better food environments that make healthier eating easier for all Canadians, reducing their risk of diet-related chronic diseases and improving their overall health.

We are also working with our colleagues at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and other federal government departments, including, the Public Health Agency of Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, on developing *A Food Policy for Canada*

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as a platform to better coordinate, integrate, and guide activities related to Canada's food system. This includes improving the availability and affordability of healthier food options, particularly for those in Canada facing higher risks of food insecurity.

I look forward to continued engagement with Food Secure Canada and co-signatory organizations on these important initiatives.

Yours sincerely,



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