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Mr. Edward Kennedy  
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Dear Mr. Kennedy,

Thank you for your letter dated September 28<sup>th</sup> concerning our report Paying For Nutrition and please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in responding. I have shared your letter with the authors of the report, and they may respond in more detail to the precise criticisms that you raise. Food Secure Canada stands by the content and the recommendations of the report, however, we think the information you have shared is of interest to people monitoring these issues and we shall therefore be sharing it with our networks. We have published an erratum where the report used the term “expiry date” rather than “best before”.

We recognize that this problem is much bigger than your company. However, as the major retailer in the region studied, you have a unique opportunity to do something about the high cost of food, and we hope you will welcome the challenge this report sets for you. What is the Northwest Company going to do to lower the prices in their stores, so that customers in the regions you service can fully enjoy their right to food? This principle is recognized as an obligation of the Government of Canada under international law.

Thank you once again for taking the time to comment on our report.

Sincerely yours,

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