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Dear Mr. Wells,

I'm writing on behalf of the Alberta Cattle Feeders' Association (ACFA) to seek an update on the NFU position relative to supporting R-CALF and to advise you of a resolution that was passed at our last AGM.

In early February, 2009 at a meeting in Billings, MT Neil Peacock, an NFU Board member from Sexsmith, AB was quoted as saying, "We no longer view R-CALF as a threat because our cattle producers are facing the same challenges as independent U.S. cattle producers". He was further quoted as saying, "Just like R-CALF members in the U.S., we're fighting the packers, the mega corporations and the ramifications of NAFTA and the WTO.... it would be nice to unite with R-CALF to fight the issues we have in common".

On February 19, 2009 the following resolution was passed at the ACFA AGM in Red Deer, AB:

Be it resolved that ACFA send a letter to the National Farmers Union expressing concern over their association and alignment with R-Calf an organization that has lobbied for COOL to the detriment to Canadian beef producers. Moved by Leighton Kolk/seconded Peter Boone. Carried.

I'm sure you will appreciate that R-CALF is no friend of the Canadian cattle industry because of their protectionist stance, anti-Canadian rhetoric and promotion of mCOOL. We understand the Mr. Peacock and, Judy Slomp, another of your Directors from Alberta subsequently issued statements clarifying their remarks made at the Billings meeting.

I would appreciate a response stating NFU's official position concerning their relationship with R-CALF so I can brief our membership at our upcoming AGM.

Sincerely,

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