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Robin Silvester - President and Chief Executive Officer

Judy Rogers – Chair, Port Board of Directors

Dear Sir / Madam;

### **ISSUE: West Coast Reduction and the Future of Sustainable Animal Nutrition**

I am writing to you about the future of West Coast Reduction's (WCRL) operations. The Animal Nutrition Association of Canada (ANAC) is the national trade association for Canada's feed industry. As an integral part of the food value chain, members of the ANAC and feed businesses play a critical role in ensuring the safe and continuous supply of food to consumers in Canada and around the world. The feed industry has been deemed an essential service in the federal government's "Guidance on Essential Services and Functions in Canada during the COVID-19 Pandemic" as well as in all provinces where lists have been published. In British Columbia, WCRL is a key partner in our production of feed ingredients and represents a critical link between agriculture and a sustainable local food supply.

WCRL recently wrote to the Port of Vancouver about its tenure and ability to operate at its current location. Uncertainty surrounding WCRL operations is a serious concern to ANAC and many participants in the Canadian animal feed supply chain. We strongly encourage the Port of Vancouver to assess the implications of any disruption to WCRL's operations or impediments to the company's ability to invest. Specifically, we ask that the Port of Vancouver work with WCRL to secure certainty over their operating tenure and, by extension, provide certainty to the many organizations that rely on WCRL, like our members.

The Port of Vancouver governs itself according to sustainability principles and aims to be the "world's most sustainable port". This can only be achieved by balancing the Port's requirements with those of the surrounding community. There are many organizations like WCRL and our members that play a role in the prosperity and sustainability of our region that must be factored into the Port's actions and priorities.

We believe that the loss of West Coast Reduction would severely impact the viability and sustainability of the agri-food production sector in British Columbia.

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We urge you to consider the situation and ask your assistance in finding a suitable resolution to prevent significant impacts to both our industry and the environment.

Sincerely,

On behalf of the ANAC-BC Board of Directors and member companies,



Robert Dorman, Secretary Manager  
ANAC-BC

Cc: The Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
The Hon. Christa Freeland, Deputy PM and Minister of Finance  
The Hon. Marie-Claud Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food  
The Hon. Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport  
The Hon. Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (BC)  
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