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**Re: Western Canadian Agri-food Security - Future of West Coast Reduction Ltd.'s
Tank Farm Terminal at the Port of Vancouver**

Dear Mr. Silvester,

The Canadian Renderers Association ("CRA") represents all of the major renderers in Canada including Sanimax Industries Inc., Rothsay-A Division of Darling International Canada Inc., JBS Canada, Cargill Proteins and West Coast Reduction Ltd. ("WCRL").

The CRA is a member of the North America Renderers Association ("NARA") that represents 32 major rendering companies with 156 rendering facilities throughout North America. These 156 rendering facilities provide an essential service to Canada's and America's agriculture and food supply as they are integrated with the operations of the poultry, pork, beef and fish processing industries.

We are writing you to express our concern over the future of the WCRL tank farm terminal at the Port of Vancouver. We understand that there is not certainty that the WCRL tank farm terminal will operate beyond 2026 because of conditions stipulated in their lease with the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.

Access to worldwide export markets is critical to the financial stability of North America's rendering industry and thereby agriculture and food supply. Access to export markets is even more crucial to the security of agricultural supply chains under conditions resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Today, WCRL's ranks in top 2 tank farm terminals in North America that provide access to export markets for the animal fats and used cooking oils produced by the rendering industry. The WCRL tank farm terminal is the only major facility remaining on the west coast of North America that handles the export of animal fats and used cooking oils. Loss of this tank farm terminal and infrastructure would destabilize Canada's agriculture and our food supply.



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We urge you to collaborate with WCRL and find a way to provide certainty that their tank farm terminal at the Port of Vancouver will operate beyond 2026 by providing for an unconditional lease extension thru 2031.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,
Canadian Renderers Association

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