

November 6, 2023

Scot Davidson, MP  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear MP Davidson,

*Subject: Success of Bill C-280 in the House of Commons*

On behalf of the OFA, I am writing to express our sincere appreciation for your efforts in championing Bill C-280. The recent news of the bill passing third reading in the House of Commons on October 25th is welcome news for our farmers.

The support of 320 Members of Parliament in favor of Bill C-280 is a testament to the importance and merit of the proposed legislation. Bill C-280 will help to establish a critical financial protection mechanism for fresh produce sellers in Canada to help secure payment in the case of a buyer bankruptcy, and it will help to ensure that fresh produce sellers can continue to support local economies across Ontario and Canada to ensure consumers will have continued access to safe, nutritious local fruit and vegetable products..

While the bill has successfully passed third reading in the House of Commons, we do understand that there are still steps to be taken before it becomes law. I am hopeful that with your continued efforts, and the support of Senator Black and others, Bill C-280 will navigate through the Senate successfully and receive royal assent.

Once again, thank you, for your dedication to the agricultural sector and for your instrumental role in advancing this important legislation.

Wishing you continued success in your endeavors.

Sincerely,



Peggy Brekveld  
President

cc: OFA Board of Directors  
Canadian Federation of Agriculture  
Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association