



APAS commends Federal Transport Minister Garneau for including Senate amendments to Bill C-49

Farm organization calls for quick passage by House of Commons

April 27, 2018 – For Immediate Release – APAS President Todd Lewis is commending Federal Transport Minister Marc Garneau for including key Senate amendments to transport Bill C-49 and is calling on MPs to pass the Bill as soon as possible.

“Our members will be very pleased that their serious concerns were heard by the Minister, and by parliamentarians from all parties,” Lewis said. “It appears that real progress has been made in drafting legislative tools to help ensure reliable grain transportation.”

“Producers often feel that we are very distant from decision makers in Ottawa, and that our concerns often go unheard,” Lewis added. “With C-49, we believe that the Minister, MPs and Senators have all paid attention, and worked hard to address long standing problems in grain transportation. We look forward to quick passage of this legislation to ensure that we can plan for moving the crop that we are seeding this spring.”

In 2018, prairie grain farmers have been facing long delays in delivering contracted grain to shippers due to railway service delays. APAS and other farm groups have been pressing for Bill C-49 to be passed with amendments proposed by the Senate to avoid a similar situation in the future.

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Background: APAS is Saskatchewan’s general farm organization – formed to provide farmers and ranchers with a democratically elected, grassroots, non-partisan, producer-run organization based on rural municipal boundaries. As the united voice of thousands of agricultural producers and ranchers in Saskatchewan, we strive to represent the views of a wide variety of agricultural stakeholders in order to form comprehensive policies that can benefit all sectors of society. APAS is a member of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.