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Ms. Carol Mitchell,
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
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Dear Ms. Mitchell:

Re: Regulation of Raw Drinking Milk
Our client, Michael Schmidt, Farmer

I am the lawyer who will be acting for dairy farmer Michael Schmidt in the event that his recent acquittal on charges relating to the alleged distribution of raw milk is appealed by the province of Ontario. The Canadian Constitution Foundation (CCF), is an independent, non-partisan, charitable corporation whose mission is to defend Canadians' constitutional freedoms through education and litigation.

Regardless of the course of any future litigation, Mr. Schmidt has authorized me to approach you, as I approached your predecessor Ms. Dombrowsky a few months ago, with his offer to work co-operatively with provincial authorities towards a change in the regulatory and legislative regime in Ontario.

Public opinion has spoken loudly and clearly throughout Mr. Schmidt's legal ordeal. Ontarians wish to have the option of obtaining safe, legal, unpasteurized milk, as millions of Europeans and Americans do. They believe—often based upon personal experience—that raw milk provides health benefits unattainable from pasteurized milk. The CCF believes, based on supporting jurisprudence, that in a matter so fundamentally important as an individual's health, Canadians have a constitutional right to freedom of choice.

Kindly advise whether you or a member of your department would be prepared to meet with me and Mr. Schmidt with to discuss ways in which safe, regulated raw drinking milk might be made available as an option for Ontario consumers.

Yours truly,

Karen Selick, LL.B.

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cc: Michael Schmidt