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auprès des Métis et des Indiens non inscrits



Minister of Indian Affairs and
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for Métis and Non-Status Indians

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Mr. Terry Young
Chairman
Alberta Barley Commission
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Dear Mr. Young: *Terry,*

Thank you for your letter of August 27, 2007, and your kind words of congratulations on my recent appointment as Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians.

It is with great pleasure that I assume this important responsibility, and I look forward to working with my colleagues and all Canadians in dealing with and responding to the fundamental issues faced by all Aboriginal peoples in Canada while at the same time recognizing the unique circumstances of First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

Canada's New Government committed to Western Canadian farmers that we would give them the right to market their own barley. I am confident that Minister Ritz will continue to represent the majority of farmers who have given us a mandate for change - a change to marketing choice.

Again, thank you for your kind words.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chuck Strahl".

Chuck Strahl