

Alberta Barley Commission  
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Dear Mr. Mike Leslie,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding Bill C-474.

Our Government has always said that farmers are best positioned to make decisions on what is best for their business and that is why industry must continue to work with producers to evaluate any new products.

The Governments approval system is based on sound science and to keep our markets open not only to grains but to beef, hogs and all Canadian commodities, it's critical that our system remain based firmly in science not in politics.

What Mr. Atamanenko is proposing is an extra level of red tape that will keep new innovative varieties in approvals indefinitely. Our Government understands that in order to be competitive, our farmers deserve timely access to the cutting edge inputs they need.

Brian Jean - Member of Parliament  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities