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Honourable Leona Dombrowsky
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
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Dear Minister Dombrowsky:

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) is pleased to provide you with the most recent results of our **Ontario Agri-business Survey No. 6**. This survey is circulated to each of our Ontario agri-business members once a year to gather their opinions on pertinent agri-business issues.

This most recent survey polled agri-business members on a wide range of issues affecting Ontario agri-businesses, including government bodies and agencies agri-business members feel are most burdensome to their business, and their views of the implementation of the Clean Water Protection Act. These results are attached and include over 174 Ontario member comments that expand upon the specific government regulations and agencies that are a regulatory burden for their business. Ontario Agri-business Survey No. 6 also gathered agri-business members' views of what a farm safety net should provide for their business, which have been forwarded to your office in previous correspondence (June 12, 2006).

CFIB also encourages each of our members to provide you and your officials with direct input and comments on agri-business related issues. These are also attached in two different formats; mailed in ballots/comments and on-line comments.

We want to thank you for the opportunity to provide you with our agri-business members' opinions on these important agriculture policy issues. We trust that you will find the survey results useful and that it will assist your government in the development of policies that are sensitive to the agriculture sector. If you or your staff has any questions, please contact our Ontario Legislative Affairs office at (416) 222-8022, and we would be pleased to discuss the results with you.

Yours sincerely,

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