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Mr. Chorney;

Greetings from the Western Canadian Wheat Growers. We trust that this finds you well.

As you are no doubt aware, there have been a number of concerns expressed by farmers and our members regarding delayed payments by Cargill Inc. In recent days we have heard of substantial delays in payment, resulting in frustration and in some cases more strident action in order to receive payments due.

As you can appreciate, these types of delays have a serious impact on individual farmers. Bills are due and credit is stretched at the end of the harvest season. Farmers count on prompt payment for their grain delivery. These types of delays cause unnecessary additional stress at a time that everyone is exhausted both physically and mentally.

We note that your office has recently shared the sections of the CGC website specific to delayed payments and this is a good start. However, given that this issue is rampant and specific to one company we ask that your office investigate and confirm that payments will be once again made in a timely manner.

We have been told that the delays are due to a new computer system, however, we have not been told when to expect a permanent solution to the problem. This appears to be more of a policy or financial decision.

We would ask the Commission to investigate and confirm that farmers with payments due from Cargill will be paid in a timely manner. Reassurances from the CGC are needed at this time. Our office and Directors have received complaints from members and given the length of time in fixing this problem could you reassure our members that this company is financially solvent.



We have reached out to Cargill, but have not heard a fulsome answer at this time. We ask that the Commission make this issue a priority. In order to provide reassurance, we will be sharing the responses with our members.

We anticipate your earliest response on this matter. If you require additional information, we would be pleased to assist.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Jochum".

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