

May 11, 2011

Mr. Luc Erjavec
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Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association
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Dear Mr. Erjavec:

Thank you and Mr. Allen for recently hosting my Cabinet colleagues and me during our visit to the Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association's (CRFA) ApEx Tradeshow in Moncton. It was a good opportunity to meet restaurateurs and foodservice suppliers and gain an appreciation for your industry and New Brunswick's food production sectors.

As Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries, I was particularly encouraged to see the effort made to highlight local New Brunswick seafood and agri-food as part of the Select Atlantic pavilion.

The CRFA and its sector members provide a significant contribution to the economic and social well being of our Province, its farmers, processors, manufacturers and distributors. Restaurants and foodservice facilities provide important venues for New Brunswickers to gather with family and friends on all occasions.

There are challenges facing the food and food service industries; however, I believe that there are opportunities to develop and grow the various segments of the food sector for the benefit of all New Brunswickers. I value the input and support from CRFA as we strive to do so.

Sincerely,



Michael Olscamp

