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Jan Robinson, Registrar and CEO College of Veterinarians of Ontario 2-71 Hanlon Creek Blvd. Guelph, Ontario N1C 0B1 Sent by e-mail: jrobinson@cvo.org

Subject: Ontario Pork's Submission on the Proposed Veterinary Regulatory Concepts

Dear Ms. Robinson,

Ontario Pork welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the College of Veterinarians of Ontario consultation on the proposed veterinary regulatory concepts.

Ontario Pork is the voice of the province's 1,898 pork farms, of which over 98% are familyowned and operated. In 2024, from "farm to fork" these farms employed 16,554 full-time job equivalents and contributed \$1.4 billion in GDP and \$3.7 billion in economic output. Ontario Pork is committed to sustainable growth in the pork sector, delivering government representation, research investment, and industry improvements in areas including animal care and environmental sustainability, while growing the brand and reputation of producers and their product.

Ontario Pork's comments are specific to professional misconduct.

Ontario Pork believes that commodity groups must have the ability to engage a veterinarian of their choice to ensure that the veterinarian is qualified and trained under the species being investigated. In some instances, there may be a veterinarian of record who may not be aware of the current situation but who has previously interacted and provided advice.

Sincerely,

Tara Terpstra Board Chair