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Jim Leafloor Canadian Wildlife Service Jim.Leafloor@ec.gc.ca

Dear Mr. Leafloor:

Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) is Manitoba's general farm policy organization, providing a unified voice for farmers on issues that affect agriculture. KAP represents and promotes the interests of 4,500 farmers and 20 commodity associations.

Established in 1944, and with nearly 15,000 members in 100 affiliate clubs throughout Manitoba the Manitoba Wildlife Federation (MWF) is the provinces oldest and largest conservation organization representing the interests of Manitoba's hunters, anglers, trappers and sport shooters.

KAP and the MWF are supportive of an expanded spring hunting season (that is evidencebased) and one that would address overabundant local populations of Canada Geese. We are calling on the Canadian Wildlife Service to extend the spring hunting season for Manitoba residents and feel strongly that both farmers and hunters in Manitoba would benefit from this extension.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact KAP Policy Analyst Neil Van Overloop at <u>neil.vanoverloop@kap.ca</u>.

Sincerely,

Bill Campbell

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