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The Honourable Vic Toews
Minister of Public Safety
269 Laurier Avenue West, 19th Floor
Ottawa, ON K1A 0P8

May 25th, 2010

Re: Integrated Crop Input Security Protocol Proposal

Dear Minister Toews,

The Grain Growers of Canada, representing over 80,000 farmers through our membership organizations, write to you in support of an Integrated Crop Input Security Protocol as advocated by the Canadian Association of Agri-Retailers (CAAR).

There is always a possibility that crop inputs such as fertilizers and other agri-chemicals could be used to cause harm, if indeed they fell into the wrong hands. As you may know, there is relatively low security at many rural locations where these products are stored. As an integral part of the agricultural industry, we want to be proactive and ensure that there are minimal risks to public safety.

CAAR is attempting to integrate all crop inputs into a single security protocol, but it is very expensive for smaller retailers and even more so if upgrades are required piecemeal with no coordination.

We as producers know full well that 100% of these costs will likely be passed on directly to us, unlike in the US where a tax credit program helps alleviate the costs associated with providing public security.

We recommend your government take action either through a tax credit or a direct contribution program to both help ensure public safety and keep our crop inputs affordable.

Sincerely,

Doug Robertson
President
Grain Growers of Canada