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Thank you! I appreciate you taking the time to review this item and forwarding it on to the appropriate Minister for response. I look forward to Minister Bibeau's consideration. Any assistance or guidance will be helpful.

Regards,
Jim Bradley, Chair
Niagara Region

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Dear Jim Bradley:

Thank you for your correspondence of May 21, 2021, addressed to the Honourable Marco E.L. Mendicino, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, regarding Niagara's agriculture sector and temporary foreign workers. I have been asked to respond to your concerns.

The Government of Canada recognizes the importance of supporting the agriculture and agri-food sector, maintaining Canada's food security, and ensuring the sector's competitiveness. Our Government continues to work hard to find ways to support Canadian employers in this sector who are facing ongoing labour challenges, which are exacerbated by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic.

In recognition of the needs of the agriculture and agri-food sector, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada has prioritized the processing of work permit applications for temporary foreign workers in this sector throughout the pandemic.

The Government continues to facilitate the safe arrival of temporary workers from overseas and prioritize resources towards in-demand occupations like health care, agriculture, food, and seafood production.

Many of the concerns you raise in your correspondence fall under the responsibility of the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. As such, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to her office in order to provide a response on these issues.

Thank you for taking the time to write. I trust that this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

S. Charbonneau
Ministerial Enquiries Division

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cc: The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

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