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As we celebrate Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, I want to thank the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) for working so hard to raise awareness and inspire farmers, farm families and workers to be “FarmSafe”—this week and throughout the year.

My wife Frances and I ran a seed potato and dairy operation for many years back home on Prince Edward Island. It was a 24-hour, 365-day-a-year job, often involving heavy machinery and other hazards, posing physical dangers to not only us, but our three young daughters, too. Each year, people living and working on farms—including children—are tragically injured, sometimes fatally—making awareness initiatives, like Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, so vitally important.

Our government is proud to continue our long-standing support of CASA’s great work in improving farm safety through an investment of \$1.6 million through the AgriCompetitiveness Program, under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership. There’s no question that Canada’s farmers and farm communities are among our country’s greatest assets, and we will continue to support farmers and Canada’s entire agriculture and agri-food sector, on all fronts, to ensure a strong, sustainable and safe future.

During Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, let’s keep the conversation going with our friends and loved ones, proudly show our AgSafe virtual ribbons and make sure every day is a FarmSafe day.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Lawrence MacAulay".

The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, P.C., M.P.  
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