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Ms. Judy Dodds  
President  
Friends of the Central Experimental Farm  
Building 72, Central Experimental Farm  
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Dear Ms. Dodds:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the preservation of the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa. I appreciate the time you have taken to share these views.

The Government of Canada understands the need to preserve green spaces and protect national historic sites such as the Central Experimental Farm. We also understand the need for a state-of-the-art hospital in downtown Ottawa, which the Government supports.

Rest assured that Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) officials will continue to collaborate with stakeholders, the National Capital Commission, Parks Canada (from a heritage perspective), and The Ottawa Hospital to ensure proper due diligence and promote mitigation measures to minimize any potential impacts on the Central Experimental Farm's research activities, historic significance, and cultural landscape.

Departmental officials tasked with the stewardship of the site will continue to work with all of those involved to inform and guide this project. Furthermore, the project is progressing in compliance with all other federal and municipal regulations associated with any development on the Central Experimental Farm, including the National Capital Commission Federal Land Use and Development Approval process. As the project advances, AAFC officials will engage relevant bodies and stakeholders to review and update, as necessary, the National Historic Site Management Plan for the site as a whole.

Again, thank you for writing on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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

Lawrence MacAulay, PC, MP

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