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Ottawa, November 5th, 2014

Dear members of the Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation,

I would like to congratulate you on your 23rd annual conference. I thank you for your kind invitation to join you, but regretfully my parliamentary duties prevent me from attending this year.

You have assembled a fascinating program around a critical theme: Member Engagement and External Partnerships. The issue of collaboration between co-operatives domestically and internationally as well as all levels of government is critical for the continued success of the movement. As the official opposition critic for co-operatives, I look forward to working with you to further this dialogue.

I wish you all the best for a productive exchange of ideas at your upcoming gathering in the beautiful Annapolis Valley.

Sincerely,

Hélène LeBlanc.

Official Opposition Critic for Co-operatives

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