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Kim Rhodes, President  
Canadian Sportfishing Industry Association  
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Dear Mr. Rhodes,

I write to commend the Canadian Sportfishing Industry Association's report entitled *Elevating Recreational Fishing to a National Priority*.

Recreational fishing is a wonderful heritage tradition enjoyed by Canadians from all walks of life. Canada has been blessed with a rich natural environment – one which we must respect and preserve for future generations.

CSIA's vision and recommendations for restoring a national recreational fisheries management system are thoughtful and well-articulated. From establishing a national Made in Canada policy for recreational fishing to allocating funding to support the recreational fishing industry, CSIA has provided the federal government with an action plan I'm pleased to support and work towards.

As a member of the Conservative Party Hunting and Angling Caucus and the All-Party Outdoor Caucus, I greatly appreciate the work organizations like yours do to highlight the importance of our heritage traditions. Alongside caucus colleagues, I look forward to advancing the recommendations outlined in your report.

Thank you to both you and your team for your work on this important document.

Sincerely,

Ted Falk  
Member of Parliament for Provencher