PETITION CALLING ON THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO EXTEND THE FARM GATE PROVISIONS TO FARMERS' MARKETS

WHEREAS rural and small-town Canadians have relied on community farmers' markets for generations as a safe source of local produce, an economic hub for community agriculture, and a traditional centre of social gathering,

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 562 prohibits the sale of prepared food products at farmers' markets, including eggs and baked goods, that have not been processed in a government-inspected facility,

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 562 and other government regulations allow for the sale of the same prepared food products if vendors are confined to their farm gate,

AND WHEREAS there is no legitimate health consideration nor any other reasonable basis for allowing farmers to sell their products from their farm gate, while prohibiting these same goods from being sold at community farmers' markets,

WE THE RESIDENTS OF CANADA, call upon the Government of Ontario to immediately extend the farm gate provisions of Regulation 562 and other government regulations that allow producers to sell prepared foods directly from their driveway, to also permit the sale of these same products at farmers' markets.

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