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### Re: Application for Grants - Venechuk Farms & Agri-Kids

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for Alyssa and Blake of Agri-Kids & Venechuk Farms in their funding application. As the Member of Parliament for Langley-Aldergrove, I have had the opportunity to gain experience about the significant impact Agri-Kids has on our local community.

Over the past ten years, the Agri-Kids program has been dedicated to educating children and families about the connection between farming and nutrition. Currently reaching six schools, Agri-Kids provides engaging educational content for students in grades K-7.

Their cooking program teaches children how to prepare meals using locally sourced ingredients, accompanied by take-home workbooks and recipes that families can try together, as well as their cooking show, "Cook with Ava."

Giving local schools in Langley fresh produce, and allowing families to take home bags of local produce is a hallmark of an important community organization.

Access to nutritious food is essential for children's education and health. Agri-Kids has proven to be a valuable resource in schools throughout Langley, helping parents ensure their children not only receive healthy meals but also acquire vital cooking skills. With additional funding, Agri-Kids can continue to enhance and expand their program, reaching even more school-aged children and fostering a greater understanding of nutrition and healthy eating.

I highly endorse Alyssa and Blake's application for funding and would be pleased to see them receive the financing they require in order to continue providing an important service to the community.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'TVP'.

