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RE: Letter of Support for the Cassava Animal Feed Project

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the County of Vermilion River, I am writing to express our support for the Cassava Animal Feed Project and the team's application to the Alberta Innovate Agri-Food Innovation Intake funding opportunity.

Driven by the need for sustainable and cost-effective feed solutions for Canadian beef cattle, the project focuses on forage cassava. This crop offers high nutritional value, adaptability to diverse growing conditions, and the potential to boost livestock production. Additionally, the introduction of cassava could increase feed security and expand crop rotation and diversification.

This collaborative project is driven by a multi-disciplinary team with members from Lakeland College, InnoTech Alberta, Lakeland Agricultural Research Association, STEP Economic Development Alliance, and the business community. Lakeland College includes campuses in Vermilion and Lloydminster, which are both adjacent to the County of Vermilion River.

This project demonstrates agricultural leadership, innovation, and co-operation at work in our region, and we are pleased to support the project and the associated funding application.

Sincerely,

Reeve Marty Baker
County of Vermilion River