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Ms. Matlow,

First, please excuse the delayed response on our behalf. We decided to answer questionnaires related to the current electoral campaign only after its launch.

However, as you certainly know, in December 2015, Quebec unanimously passed the *Animal Welfare and Safety Act* which recognizes animals as sentient beings that have biological needs. This act outlines care requirements as well as prohibited behaviours toward animals. In doing so, Quebec has taken a great leap forward, joining countries at the forefront of animal rights protection, such as France and other European countries.

The Bloc Québécois endorses Quebec's vision, which lays the groundwork for future improvements in animal rights. Although we are in favour of Canada protecting animals, we do not need Canada to assert our values and to push forward our rights.

The Bloc Québécois supports the global fight against environmental crime. The joint effort between INTERPOL and the World Customs Organization has led to the seizure of specimens or products derived from endangered species.

Furthermore, the Quebec government already works toward analyzing and preventing the risk of climate-related infectious diseases. The *Institut national de santé publique du Québec* monitors zoonoses such as Lyme disease. Quebec's Multi-Party Observatory on Zoonoses and Adaptation to Climate Change follows the development of zoonoses and puts forward concrete preventative and adaptive measures.

In Quebec, the Regulation respecting animals in captivity "outlines the condition surrounding the capture and importation of animals, the rules and



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When it comes to reduced meat consumption in Quebecois' and Canadians' diet, the Bloc Québécois believes it is a question of each individual's personal choice and values.

Finally, the Bloc Québécois vigorously defends Quebec's agricultural model and fights for increased support, mainly through the Agricultural Policy Framework, to retain the human aspect of our agriculture. Quebec farmers have known for a long time about the importance of protecting the environment and of the added value created by offering top-quality products—especially by keeping in mind the welfare of their animals and the quality of their resources. Whether it is favouring greener heating systems, promoting organic agriculture or even supporting short channels for local purchasing, the Bloc Québécois will continuously support local farmers and processors to live according to the model we chose.

Thank you for your interest in the current electoral campaign.