

Financial protection for Canada's produce sector

THE ISSUE...

Our produce growers and sellers are required to put significant amounts of money and upfront operations on the line to consistently and reliably provide communities with safe, nutritious food. The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, ongoing supply chain disruptions and substantial increases in input costs further threaten our food security and the long-term economic viability of the fresh produce sector.

WHAT WE NEED...

The Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (BIA) does not provide a workable mechanism for cases in which buyers of fresh produce become bankrupt. Bill C-280, the *Financial Protections for Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Farmers Act* would provide sellers with a reliable financial protection mechanism through a deemed trust, ensuring they have priority access to a bankrupt buyer's assets related to the sale of fresh produce. This would give the sector the same protection that exists under the longstanding U.S. *Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA)*.

Urge your MP to support
Bill C-280

to provide
financial protection
for produce sellers and growers

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Strengthen an industry whose supply chain supports roughly 249,000 jobs in Canada



Make our food system more resilient and enhance the affordability and accessibility of fresh fruits and vegetables for Canadians



Cost the federal government nothing, as it would not be required to carry financial liability or backstop any losses



Encourage the U.S. to reinstate preferential access for Canadian produce sellers under PACA

