



## **FBC-ABC Members:**

### **Food and Beverage Canada (FBC-ABC) submits recommendations to the House of Commons Committee on Citizenship and Immigration on Work Permits and the Temporary Foreign Worker Program**

FBC-ABC is pleased to share with members its [submission](#) to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration, as part of the Committee's study on Open Work Permits and the Temporary Foreign Worker Program. In our submission, we emphasize the critical role played by temporary foreign workers in addressing labour shortages, while also acknowledging the need to ensure the integrity of the Program. We thank the members of the Policy and Advocacy Committee for their contributions.

### **Cabinet meets in Montreal; Prime Minister announces Team Canada engagement strategy to promote and defend Canada's interests in and with the United States**

This week, members of Cabinet concluded their retreat in Montreal, where they discussed issues including housing, combatting organized crime, and the recent announcement on international students. Following the retreat, the Prime Minister [announced](#) that the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, Francois Philippe-Champagne, and the Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development, Mary Ng will co-lead a renewed Team Canada engagement strategy to promote and defend Canada's

interests in and with the United States. FBC-ABC is seeking out further details on this.

### **Prime Minister announces the appointment of Mary Robison as an independent Senator**

This week, the Prime Minister [announced](#) the appointment of Mary Robison as an independent Senator to fill a vacancy in the Senate for Prince Edward Island. Mary Robison is the past President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. FBC-ABC will be sending a letter of congratulations.

### **Tickets are running out – Join us for FBC-ABC’s annual policy breakfast**

[Join us](#) on February 13 for our 2024 Policy Breakfast – Achieving Agri-Food Workforce Stability by 2030: The Role of Automation and Technology. This event will include a conversation on the opportunities and challenges presented by the adoption of automation and technology for Canada’s food supply. ***This event is made possible with the support of our sponsors: Farm Credit Canada, Maple Lodge Farms, and MNP.***

### **Canada to decrease number of new international student permits**

This week, the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship [announced](#) the Government will set a cap on international student study permits leading to a decrease of 35% from 2023. Additionally, the Government is changing the eligibility criteria of the Post-Graduation Work Permit Program, as well as making open work permits only available to spouses of international students in master’s and doctoral programs.

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