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Ms. Marilena Kowalchuk
Manitoba Provincial Prairie Grass Emblem Campaign
561 St. Anthony Avenue
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Dear Ms. Kowalchuk:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting support for the Manitoba Provincial Prairie Grass Emblem Campaign.

Manitoba Conservation recognizes the value of choosing and recognizing a provincial prairie grass species, and subsequently using this designation to raise awareness of native prairie habitat and the species it supports for an array of conservation purposes. There is also a compelling reason to see this occur in 2010, the United Nations International Year of Biodiversity.

As you are likely aware, legislative responsibility for *The Coat of Arms, Emblems and the Manitoba Tartan Act* rests with the Minister of Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport. I have asked staff of the Wildlife and Ecosystem Protection Branch to work with appropriate representatives of Manitoba Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport to determine whether or not a provincial prairie grass emblem can be designated based upon the recommendation that your committee will be providing.

Best of luck with the campaign.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stan Struthers".

Stan Struthers
Minister

cc: Honourable Rosann Wowchuk
Honourable Eric Robinson



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Dear Ms Kowalchuk:

Thank you for your letter informing of your project to promote a provincial prairie grass emblem for Manitoba.

Your commitment and dedication to promoting the province of Manitoba through this unique endeavour is commendable. I was particularly pleased to see that you are including a wide variety of Manitobans, such as school children, seniors, First Nations, rural and urban residents, and new Canadians in your voting process.

The results of your campaign will be interesting and will be taken under advisement by the government. I wish you all the best with your campaign and your voting process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric Robinson', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Eric Robinson