

NEWS Release

## **Risk and Reward: Food Safety and NAFTA 2.0**

OTTAWA – September 14, 2017 – The Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute (CAPI) and the Canada Institute of the Wilson Center are pleased to co-publish a short piece on approaches to food safety cooperation in Canada and the United States. With NAFTA renegotiation talks in full swing, it is a critical time for a conversation on protecting and improving our shared food supply chain. As think tanks and think networks, CAPI and the Wilson Center know the importance of good debate and a robust marketplace for ideas. This short piece, written by Rory McAlpine and Mike Robach, encourages just such debate.

“The contents of the piece represent an opportunity for our two organizations to present to our respective stakeholders on the frontlines of Canada-US economic policy some new thinking on important food safety issues”, said Don Buckingham, President & CEO of CAPI. “Food safety is not just about consumer protection, it’s about enhancing the competitiveness of the Canada-US agri-food supply chain around the world. A well-functioning food safety regime helps to increase global demand for safe and wholesome North American food products.” Laura Dawson, Director of the Canada Institute of the Wilson Center adds: “During a period of trade upheaval and fractured supply chains, it is particularly important to bring practical suggestions to the table that will build trade, increase competitiveness and safeguard the protection of consumers”.

The short piece is available here: [Risk and Reward: Food Safety and NAFTA 2.0](#)

### **About The Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute**

As an independent, non-partisan policy catalyst, CAPI brings insight, evidence and balance to emerging issues. CAPI provides a neutral place to hold dialogues and generate perspectives among leaders across the food system. For more information, visit [www.capi-icpa.ca](http://www.capi-icpa.ca) or follow us on Twitter: [@CdnAgriFood](https://twitter.com/CdnAgriFood)

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