

ATTACHMENT 11

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References:

1. Proposed Rules for Implementing the Organic Foods Production Act.
2. The Organic Foods Production Act (OFPA) of 1990
3. The National Organic Standards Board (NOSB)

Dear Ms. Thomas,

We are happy that the NOSB is again allowing public input to your consideration of organic foods standards. We were very upset at the attempt last year by the USDA to ignore the NOSB input in their proposed national standards. We (and 200,000 others) expressed our views very emphatically.

We were impressed with the original NOSB recommendations and encourage you to produce as worthy a recommendation this time. We will be watching to assure that the USDA follows your lead this time, and lending our support in any way that we can.

In addition, we wish to assure that the final rules do not dilute the concept and definition of organic foods as now used in California. We wish to retain our very effective California State CCOF standards.

Thank you.

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