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Dear Kurt:

In response to your request for comments regarding the CTFA & its programs.

Let me say that I am a very small grower, we also operate a small packing house for ourselves and many of our neighbors.

I have personally operated this farm since 1976 taking over from my father who followed his father. At this moment my son is in the shed packing nectarines.

In all of this time, I can not name one benifit from the CTFA. Quite the contrary, it seems they go out of their way to force the inflexibility of the powerful upon the weak.

Maturity standards are arbitrary unrefined and written to insure

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control by the politically connected

These have been the terms for the past 28 years that I've controlled our operation and as of last season, absolutely nothing of substance has changed.

I can assure you that by nature I am not a negative person. Ask the 1st 100 people you meet in Kingsburg.

However, if I were given the choice to either eliminate the I.R.S. or CTFA, w/o hesitation, I'd choose the latter. IRS takes a lot less money & is much less intrusive in my life

Sincerly Vernon E. Peterson