Docket Number FV03-900-1PR
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"Proposed rule to exempt Organic Producers & Marketers from Assessments for Market Promotion Activities under Marketing Order Programs.

Dear Sirs:

I'm a certified organic farmer writing about my comments in opposition to the proposed rule. The proposed rule fail to follow the intent of Congress to free up funds from organic sales to allow organic farmers to promote their own product, by making it virtually impossible for a producer to get the exemption.

There are so many one sided points against us.

(A) Having a Specific Commodity
(B) Total Exemption
(C) Proof of Qualification
(D) Handlers Organic Status
(E) Conventional Sales

As a certified organic farmer, I urge you to honor the commitment Congress made to organic farmers to allow them access to funds to create a workable program. In addition, I support the comment filed by CROPP co-op, OFARM & NODPA with regard to this proposed rule.

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