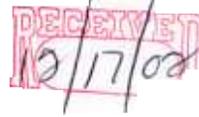


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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter in support of the proposed Federal Hop Marketing Order.

The Federal Marketing Order is not a Government bailout and will not cost the taxpayers any money. It will though, allow us as farmers to determine our own destiny. Because of this, I urge you to allow the process to go forward as soon as possible.

The development process has been open to all and I believe that the majority of growers support the concept.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darren Gasseling". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Darren Gasseling