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Dear Mr. English:

Thank you for submitting your proposal on behalf of the Organic Trade Association (OTA) and its members requesting that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) hold a hearing to amend the current ten Federal milk marketing orders (FMMO). The proposal would provide a credit to organic processors against their FMMO monthly payments, with the amount of the credit depending on the price paid to dairy farmers for organic milk.

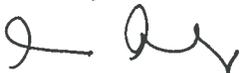
After carefully reviewing your submission, we are seeking additional information on the following issues before we can provide a response to your request:

1. Please provide any studies and analyses that support how your proposal will increase the supply of certified organic milk.
2. Please provide an analysis of how your proposal is consistent with the requirement in the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended, that similarly situated handlers face the same regulated minimum raw milk prices.
3. Please provide any studies or analyses suggesting that the measures in the proposal would encourage that the monies generated from this partial regulation can be directed to organic dairy farmers.
4. Please provide any additional studies or analyses on how your proposal may impact conventional milk producers across the country. Additionally, please share any information that OTA has about support for the proposal.
5. Please provide information about any alternative solutions that OTA considered that may increase the supply of organic milk.

We ask that you provide responses to these questions by November 29, 2015.

Thank you in advance for providing this additional information. We look forward to reviewing it along with your original proposal.

Sincerely,



Anne L. Alonzo
Administrator