

## SECURITY MILK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

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Mr. Richard M. McKee, Director Dairy Division USDA/AMS, Room 2968, South Building Post Office Box 96456 Washington, DC 20090-6456



Re: Ideas On The Reforms Set Forth By The FAIR Act/Consolidation of Federal Orders

Dear Mr. McKee:

Security Milk Producers currently markets milk in Las Vegas, Nevada, Great Basin Order 139. Our herds represent 19.5 million pounds of milk per month. Our customer is Anderson Dairy, who supplies 98% of all Class I products sold in the Las Vegas area. They don't market their products anywhere else.

Products from California and Arizona come into Las Vegas on a small scale. With the competitive producer prices offered by California and Arizona, Las Vegas has been competitive. I feel Arizona and Southern Nevada should be a separate Federal order if Order 139 is merged with Orders 124 and 135. They share a common market, and the Northwest should not be a part of S. Nevada because they do not share the same market in the Las Vegas area.

If S. Nevada goes with the Northwest, this will bring the producer price in S. Nevada down drastically. This will cause the producer milk in S. Nevada to move to California and Arizona for a higher price. This will cause Anderson Dairy a real problem in obtaining milk.

Sincerely,

Karen A. Brooks General Manager

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