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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

Dear Mr. McKee:

The Board of Directors of Security Milk Producers Association (SMPA) supports the California Dairy Campaign's petition for a Federal Milk Marketing Order for California and wish to take an active role in the reform process. We hereby request that USDA add our name to the growing list of California dairy interests who want the ability to vote on a CA FMMO.

SMPA markets over a billion pounds of milk annually from producers in California, Nevada, and Arizona. Security Milk Producers Association is the only California based cooperative currently listed as holding a determination of qualification under federal milk marketing orders. We support in concept, the promulgation of a CA FMMO, and look forward to offering our assistance in the formation of such an order.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly, should you have any questions regarding any issues. Again, we thank you for the open manner in which the reform process is being approached. We believe a federal order in CA may be in the best interest of all CA dairy producers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin W. McLaughlin", is written over a horizontal line.

Kevin W. McLaughlin
Fluid Operations Manager
on behalf of the Board of Directors

cc: Directors
Karen Brooks
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