

CALIFORNIA DAIRYWOMEN ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Karen Ross
California Department of Food and Agriculture
1220 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Class 4b Hearing

Dear Secretary Ross:

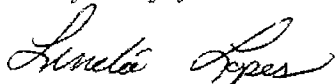
California Dairy Women (CDWA) is in full support of this petition. California dairy families are suffering severe economic hardship at this time. Many have gone out of business and many more will follow due to eroded equity. Many cannot get funding to purchase hay for the winter. Many will not be in business by winter if they do not get some price relief.

California dairy families need **your help**.

While we appreciated your efforts in creating the dairy industry task force, dairy producers need relief **now**.

We thank you for immediate consideration of this petition (not waiting 60 day to respond) and look forward to your quick response.

Very truly yours,



Linda Lopes
President of CDWA