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Secretary, Karen Ross
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1220 N. Street
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Dear Karen Ross:

We are dairy producers and have sustained incomprehensible losses since 2009. Years of dedicated hard work have been lost to the corrupt pricing system in California. Though processors argue that higher milk prices will cause them financial ruin, they fail to acknowledge the fact that they are still turning profits.

There is currently a huge need of milk locally. Contract sales are not being met. Now according to the processors this type of market should result in higher milk prices. Well in checking today's market the price to the dairy producer has dropped "again"! Perhaps Dairy Institute of California could use some basic training in the reality of the economics we are living in. Apparently this is not about supply and demand as Dairy Institute claim the market is reacting to. Perhaps the CME markets that dictate California's milk price did not get the memo that California is in a severe shortage of milk.

Let's be realistic! What happens in Chicago has no correlation with what is happening here in California. Do your homework.

Thank you,

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