



March 19, 2018

Mary Nichols, Chair  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: FARMER Program Guidelines**

Dear Ms. Nichols:

The above listed agricultural organization are writing in support of the guidelines and funding allocation proposed for the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) program. Our organizations represent a broad array of farmers and ranchers who depend on diesel trucks and equipment to plant, irrigate, harvest, and bring their products to market. The funds available to upgrade these trucks and equipment through the FARMER program will help many farmers and ranchers throughout California purchase cleaner trucks and equipment to reduce emissions to our atmosphere.

Our organizations appreciate the efforts of the Administration to allocate \$135 million from the Air Quality Improvement Fund, Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Fund and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to provide incentives for emission reductions from agricultural trucks and equipment. We support the proposed funding allocation for the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) as this is where the largest amount of agricultural equipment is in combination with disadvantaged communities and air quality challenges.

Additionally, we would like to express our appreciation for the proposed reallocation of funds outside of the SJVAPCD to better distribute resources to air districts with high populations of agricultural equipment. The original allocation using the existing Carl Moyer distribution formula would have placed an inordinate amount of funds in large urban air districts that have far

less agricultural equipment than smaller, more rural air districts. The purpose of the FARMER program is to assist farmers and ranchers in replacing older, higher polluting trucks and equipment with newer, lower emitting engines. The funds should be directed towards air districts that have the greatest amount of this equipment to help achieve the goals of the program.

We appreciate CARB staff's efforts to develop the funding guidelines and allocations quickly given the limited time available to distribute funds under the program and urge CARB's adoption of the guidelines. Please contact any of us if you have questions or need further information.

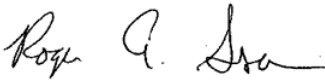
Sincerely,



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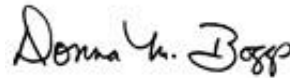
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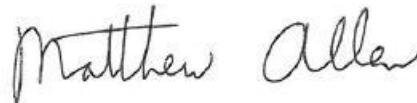
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