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Mr. Bill Dodd
Chair, Committee on Agriculture
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2137
Sacramento, CA 94249

Dear Chairman Dodd:

On behalf of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Chair of the California State Assembly Committee on Agriculture.

California's agricultural heritage is one of innovation and adaptation, inherent attributes of the state's farmers and ranchers that contribute to our state being the largest producer and exporter of food and agricultural products in the nation. It is a dynamic and integral sector to our state's economy that provides jobs, supports the health and wellbeing of citizens while also enhancing natural and working landscapes.

The upcoming year has many opportunities for engagement and outreach in the agriculture sector. As farmers, ranchers and local communities begin to implement sustainable groundwater management practices, adapt to a changing climate and improve food safety – we appreciated the opportunity to work with you and the Committee.

Congratulations and we look forward to your leadership!

Best regards,

Craig McNamara
President

