

Petition to Terminate the QIP # 5



June 1, 2023

Madame Secretary,

We, the undersigned submit the following petition in support of immediately terminating the Quota Implementation Plan (QIP) and request that the CDFA conduct a referendum in accordance with the procedures set forth in California Food & Agriculture Code, §§62716 and 62717, 62719.

Merits to terminate the Quota Implementation Plan are as follows:

The QIP is a burdensome assessment on most California dairies and is hurting families and the entire California dairy industry. All Grade A shippers are currently paying \$433,000 a day because of the QIP assessment. The cost exceeds the benefit for most dairy producers in California. We no longer wish to pay a small group of quota holders over \$12 million per month. We want to terminate the QIP and establish a level playing field for all dairymen.

Under Article 11, Section 1103 of the QIP it states, "Upon receipt of a petition signed by at least 25% of market milk producers regarding the amendment or termination of this plan, the Secretary shall convene the Producer Review Board to review the merits of the petition and make a recommendation to the Secretary. The Secretary shall submit the Plan for referendum in the same manner as provided for its initial approval." *The State is required to hold a referendum vote when this 25% threshold is met.*

Dairy Name _____

Address (no PO Box#) _____

Owner – Producer _____

Signature _____

Date June 1, 2023

Pool Producer State # _____ **Avg. Monthly Milk Volume (cwts.)** _____