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STARTING IN 1958 AT 18 YEARS OLD MILKING COWS, IT WAS MY WAY OF LIVE FOR 52 YEARS.

IN THAT 52 YEARS I WAS ABLE TO MAKE A GOOD LIVING FOR MYSELF AND FAMILY OF 3 BOYS.

IN THE YEAR OF 2009, STARTING THE MONTHS OF JUNE JULY AUG. TILL AUG 2010 I HAVE HAD TO SELL 50% OF MY DAIRY HERD TO RAISE MONEY TO FEED THE REMAINING ANIMALS.

THE REASON FOR THESE LOSSES IS THE CALIFORNIA PRICING SYSTEM.

IF CALIFORNIA DOES NOT CHANGE ITS PRICING SYSTEM SOON I WILL BE FORCED OUT OF THE DAIRY BUSINESS.

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CALIFORNIA FLOOR PRICE COMMITTEE

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Dear Dairymen and Creditors of the Dairy Industry:

The California Floor Price Committee is happy to inform you, that a petition calling for CDFA to hold an emergency hearing to floor the all milk price at \$14.50 per hundred wt., has been submitted to the CDFA, on August 13, 2010, for consideration. The deadline for the decision to grant us our hearing is, August 27, 2010. This Friday! Now that, CDFA has received the petition, it is critical that Dairy Producers and Creditors, write in support of establishing a price floor in California. "You can have this in California!!" The CDFA wants to hear from you about how today's financing is effecting your business. They want to know how below cost of production prices have effected your operation in the past. They want to know how a price floor of \$14.50 will help you succeed in the future. Tell them, what will happen if you don't have price protection and we experience rock bottom prices again, like we all know is going to happen in the future.

Letters should be sent to:

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Secretary

California Department of Food and Agriculture

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Letters can be faxed or emailed to the department

Fax: (916) 341-6697; Email: dairy@cdfa.ca.gov

Please write your response now – immediately – today. Do not hesitate to voice your opinions. They want to hear from you, not your Co-op, or dairy group.

Today the only dairy group to give us their full commitment is the California Dairy Campaign. We are hoping for the other 2 to follow soon. They have offered to help you with your letter. If you should require additional information, please to do not hesitate to contact the C.D.C. Office at (209) 632-0885