



October 29, 2020

The Honorable Timothy J Aspinwall
Office of Administrative Hearings
2349 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: In the Matter of the Public Hearing to Consider a Petition to Amend and Terminate
the Quota Implementation Plan OAH No: 2020080708

Dear Judge Aspinwall,

Pursuant to the Order Re-Opening Record and Request for Briefing for the above referenced matter, dated October 23, 2020, this letter serves as the Department of Food and Agriculture’s submission related to documents constituting its record regarding the petition received from United Dairy Families of California (UDF) on June 25, 2020. The Department will not be submitting the individual producer petitions that constitute the numbers and percentages provided below.

Pursuant to section 1103 of the Quota Implementation Plan (Plan), upon receipt of a petition by at least twenty-five (25) percent of market milk producers. In addition to Plan section 1103, the Food and Agricultural Code section 62717 requires that under certain circumstances, the Secretary may hold a public hearing upon receipt of a petition signed by producers representing not less than 25 percent of the total number of all producers and not less than 25 percent of the total (milk) production of all producers.

A summary of the petitions received from eligible Market Milk producers is as follows:

Total Number of eligible Market Milk producers on the list:	948
Number of valid petitions received from eligible Market Milk producers:	263
Percentage of valid petitions received from eligible Market Milk producers:	27.74%

Total reported production volume (in product pounds) as of May 2020:	3,398,125,773
Total reported production volume (in product pounds) represented by those submitting valid petitions as of May 2020:	1,240,016,034
Total reported percentage of production volume represented by those submitting valid petitions as of May 2020:	36.49%

The number of producers submitting valid petitions and their respective reported volume exceeds the minimum threshold required by both Plan section 1103 and FAC section 62717 making the petition eligible for producer referendum.

Sincerely,

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