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RE: Correction of Panel Report from May 20, 2013 Hearing

Dear CDFA,

I would like to be on public record with a correction on the Panel Report from May 20, 2013 emergency hearing for the extension of a much needed increase for dairy farmers in California.

Your panel report places me as a supporter for YOUR Proposal A. (in brief this was requesting the same amount that was granted in December 2012). There was a Proposal B (it was a request for about .28cents more than that, for the producer side).

These proposals were NOT available before the May 20, 2013 hearing, explained to me that it was an emergency hearing called by CDFA. I sent my letter on May 13, 2013 since I was not going to be able to attend.

I have been very active, as well as vocal of our needs and desire to obtain help from the CDFA and to be, at least, in alignment with Federal Order Class 3 pricing. This amount is approximately \$1.80CWT difference. The May 20th hearing was called to extend the amount of what was given in Dec 2012. There was no "proposals" that I was aware of so I asked for at LEAST the amount that we had been granted in December 2012. Here is an excerpt from my May 13, 2013 letter :

"Here we are again...asking for what is only fair, to be in alignment with prices paid around the country. That difference is and has been approximately \$1.80 CWT for far too long. You are having this emergency hearing to extend the "help" you gave us of about \$0.25. I am asking for this extension because I realize that something is better than nothing. I have stated my disappointment of the failure of CDFA in protecting our dairy industry. That \$1.80CWT would have been the difference for the survival of many of the dairy families in CA."

In speaking of this matter with CDFA they stated that I would have indeed NOT have known the "proposals since I was not in attendance so they placed me, at their discretion, in support of the exact people I have been up against. CDFA stated that they just took that "guess". I asked if in all of my correspondence with CDFA by rallies, letters, phone calls, social media, there was any doubt that I was fighting for the most money possible for dairy families. I think I have been very, very clear

I feel they have made a passive-aggressive decision in placing me on the Proposal A supporter group. I should have been contacted for clarification or, at the very least; I should not have been placed on either side. I feel as if I have been slapped in the face and disrespected.

On top of all of this angst and frustration, CDFA, did not go with EITHER proposals and gave us 12.5 cents, HALF of what even the processors suggested. So here we were in somewhat of an agreement to extend the .25cents, CDFA recommended NO INCREASE EXTENTION and Karen Ross, said 12.5 cents. So why do they want us to get together and agree on something because when we do, they do what they want anyway.

It is clear that we need CDFA OUT of the Dairy Pricing and go to Federal Order.

For clarification of the Panel Report from the May 20, 1013 hearing, Dairy Goddess Farmstead Cheese and Milk /Tony Martin Dairy Supports Proposal B.

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