

CALIFORNIA DAIRYWOMEN ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Karen Ross
California Department of Food and Agriculture
1220 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Petition for Emergency Hearing by Western United Dairymen to increase Class 1, 2, 3, 4a & 4b Prices on a temporary Basis and to Consider Changes to the Whey Portion of the Class 4b Formula.

Dear Secretary Ross:

California Dairy Women (CDWA) is in full support of this petition. California dairy families are suffering severe economic hardship at this time. Many have gone out of business and many more will follow due to eroded equity. Many cannot get funding to purchase hay for the winter. Many will not be in business by winter if they do not get some price relief.

California dairy families need **your help**.

While we appreciated your willingness to help after the last hearing, we believe it falls short of what we need to survive.

We thank you for immediate consideration of this petition (not waiting 60 day to respond) and look forward to your quick response.

Very truly yours,

Linda Lopes
President of CDWA