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*RE: Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0921; Regulatory Information Number RIN 0910-AG35*

Dear Dr. Assar:

In recognition of the vital importance of food safety, the California State Senate Committee on Agriculture held a public informational hearing on November 4 titled "The Federal Food Safety Modernization Act: Impact of the Proposed Produce Rule on California On-Farm Agricultural Production."

The aim of the hearing was to determine whether amendments to state laws or regulations would be necessary to ensure compliance with the proposed produce rule as well as provide a public forum for discussion of the rule's impact on California farms and farming practices.

The attached document is the written transcript of the hearing and is provided to the Food and Drug Administration as supplemental information that may be considered when developing food safety regulations related to the Food Safety Modernization Act. This document is informational in nature and does not reflect any official position of the California State Senate or the Senate Committee on Agriculture with respect to those regulations.

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