



*November 11, 2009*

*CDFA Hearing*

*To Whom It May Concern:*

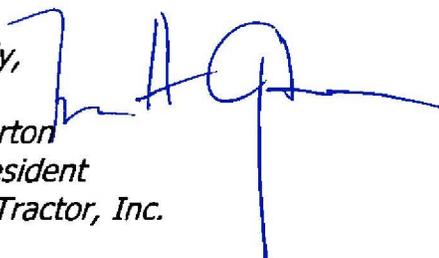
*For over 50 years our company has proudly served the dairy community in the central valley by supplying them with farm equipment and service support. The dairy industry represents over 60% of our total business and helps us employ over 100 workers who are dependant on us as we serve this vital sector of our business.*

*In all the years of service, I have never seen a downturn to our community and industry as what has occurred during the last 18 months. Literally dozens of local dairies are gone plus the financial cutbacks that have been seen by those surviving which in turn effects all our local communities from truck sales, furniture sales, appliances, to farm equipment needs.*

*This domino effect must be addressed to insure the future stability of our community and survival for our agricultural industry.*

*The financial impact the dairy has on our community can not be stressed strongly enough. Their success is our success...their downfall is our downfall. We must support our local dairy farmers or we too will be another extinct industry.*

*Please help our dairy industry THRIVE so we to can continue to grow with our communities.*

*Sincerely,*  
  
*Tom Garton  
Vice-President  
Garton Tractor, Inc.*