



September 6, 2016

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1383 (Lara): Short-lived climate pollutants**

Dear Governor Brown,

The undersigned organizations respectfully request your veto of SB 1383 (Lara), which would require the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to approve and implement a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) to achieve a reduction in methane emissions by 40%, hydrofluorocarbon gas emissions by 40% and black carbon emissions by 50% below 2013 levels by 2030.

While we understand that many concerns were addressed regarding methane reduction, our organizations do not represent dairy and our members have equally important concerns regarding the significant mandate to further reduce black carbon and hydrofluorocarbon emissions. SB 1383 would disproportionately affect other segments of agriculture because of our dependence on the sources of many of the SLCPs targeted in the legislation, including diesel engines to run our tractors and pumps and refrigeration to cool and transport our fresh produce.

Since the enactment of AB 32 ten years ago, California agriculture has made substantial strides toward helping the state meet its emissions-reduction goals. Our farmers have supported and utilized funding incentives like the Carl Moyer Program that leverage both private and public dollars to replace older equipment with cleaner engines, resulting in greatly improved air quality in our rural communities. We are concerned that by enacting a strict mandate, SB 1383 will interfere with our ability to utilize these existing incentive programs.

SB 1383's major reduction targets may also lead to stranded assets on our farms. Engines and equipment that were previously deemed compliant would have to be upgraded or replaced. This would represent a major cost burden for farms in California.

California agriculture is going through a challenging period. After years of growth, the ongoing drought has taken its toll, resulting in a loss of more than \$9 billion in revenue in 2015. Combined with the fact that the cost of farming in our state has risen by 36 percent over the past five years, and will continue to climb with the minimum wage hike, profit margins for many family farms are growing increasingly and precariously slim. This is not a positive trend.

The aims of this bill are already being achieved by AB 32 and other federal, state and local regulations. We urge you to protect family farmers and rural communities – and preserve agricultural production in California – by vetoing SB 1383.

Sincerely,

California Citrus Mutual  
California Cotton Ginners Association  
California Cotton Growers Association  
California Fresh Fruit Association  
Nisei Farmers League  
Western Agricultural Processors Association  
Western Growers Association