



October 6, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom,

The undersigned organizations represent California's agricultural industry including our vineyards, orchards, fields, dairies, ranches, packing houses, nurseries, and processors. California grows more than 430 different commodities, making it the most diverse agricultural state in the nation.

As you have often noted, California is the largest ag producing state in the nation. We literally feed the world.

But California's agricultural industry is struggling. California has already lost thousands of farms and millions of farmed acres, dropping from roughly 29 million acres to about 24 million over the past few decades. This is because California's ag industry is facing a perfect storm of challenges, including water shortages, regulatory burdens, labor costs, rising fuel prices, and freight expenses.

So, we are asking for your help. Specifically, we are asking you to issue an executive order to temporarily allow red-dyed diesel fuel to be used on-highway by the agricultural industry through the end of year to transport product and equipment from farm to farm and commodities from the field to the first point of processing.

The price of diesel fuel in California has become unbearable. The price of diesel fuel continues to be the highest in the nation by far – More than \$2.00 above the national average. In many places in California, diesel fuel is currently selling for more than \$9.00 per gallon.

Our producers not only feel the impact of purchasing diesel but are also faced with diesel surcharges by any entity providing service to the farm.

Other agricultural states have seen the need to lower the price of diesel fuel. Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Texas have acted already. The governors in other agricultural states are also considering taking much-needed action.

Additionally, with federal action to remove the restriction for federal excise taxes, a corresponding reduction in state excise taxes would provide meaningful relief to our industry which as described above is in the midst of a perfect storm of cost increases that is making it hard to remain viable.

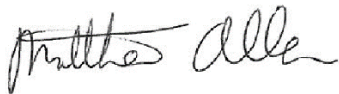
We appreciate your consideration of this situation and of our request. We are available to answer any questions you may have and assist your administration in any way.

Please issue an executive order as described above at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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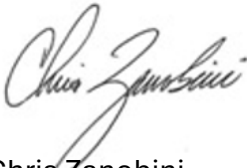
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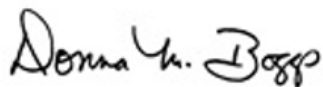
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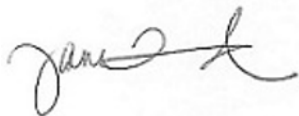
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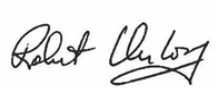
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Robert Verloop
Executive Director/CEO
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