Re: Comments on March 29, 2022 Workshop Methane, Dairies and Livestock, and Renewable Natural Gas in California

Missouri Rural Crisis Center appreciates the opportunity to offer these comments following the March 29, 2022 workshop Methane, Dairies and Livestock, and Renewable Natural Gas in California. Missouri Rural Crisis Center is a statewide farm and rural membership organization representing thousands of farm families in hundreds of rural communities. Our mission is to preserve family farms, promote stewardship of the land and environmental integrity and strive for economic and social justice by building unity and mutual understanding among diverse groups, both rural and urban.

We previously submitted comments in January 2022 following a December 2021 workshop regarding the Low Carbon Fuel Standard and urged CARB to grant the Petition for Rulemaking to Exclude All Fuels Derived from Biomethane from Dairy and Swine Manure from the Low Carbon Fuel Standard and initiate an immediate rulemaking to restore integrity to the LCFS. We continue to support LCFS amendments as called for in the petition and are deeply concerned that CARB denied the petition despite many issues that must still be resolved. CARB should not continue to implement a policy that harms Missouri farmers and rural communities for the sake of California oil companies who use the credits.

On behalf of our 5,000+ family farm members, we ask that you reform this pollution trading scheme that inflicts harm on our communities. We urge you to reform the LCFS to exclude all fuels derived from factory farm gas.

Thank you for your time and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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