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Ms. Shelby Livingston  
Chief, Climate Change Program Planning and Management Branch  
California Air Resources Board  
P.O. Box 2815  
Sacramento, CA 95812-2815

Dear Ms. Livingston:

The California Farm Bureau Federation and the California Rangeland Trust have been in discussions with, and providing input on, the Working Lands Coalition proposal to fund a comprehensive agricultural land protection program with cap and trade revenue. Our organizations strongly support funding for the three interrelated recommendations that include:

- Restoration of Williamson Act subventions program;
- Link additional subvention incentives for counties and planning money for cities and counties to the adoption of strong farm and ranch land protection programs;
- Funding for existing conservation easement and farmland mapping programs including the California Farmland Conservancy Program, and the Rangeland, Grazing Land and Grassland Protection Program and the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program.

We look forward to continuing to participate in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John R. Gamper', written over a circular stamp or mark.

John R. Gamper  
Director  
Taxation and Land Use