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TO: California Air Resources Board

RE: Comment on California Air Resources Board (CARB) 2022 Climate Change Scoping Plan

Thank you to the members of the board and staff for the opportunity to provide comments on the CARB draft Climate Change Scoping Plan. Founded more than 30 years ago, California Dairy Campaign (CDC) is a grassroots organization of dairy farm families who work together on a range of issues, including efforts to address climate change. CDC is a member organization of California Farmers Union (CFU) a state chapter of National Farmers Union (NFU), representing more than 200,000 farmers who are leading the nationwide effort among farmers to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change.

We believe an incentive-based approach is the best way for California dairy farmers to work to achieve our state's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals given that dairy farmers have endured many years of volatile and chronically depressed milk prices and today face record-high feed, energy, and other costs. California dairy farmers are the most highly regulated in the country and fuel and other costs here are some of the highest nationwide. Last month California milk production declined, but production is on the rise in many other states with far less if any climate-smart policies or programs.

For California dairy farmers to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals and additional environmental benefits, it is critical for our state to provide incentive funding. We support additional funding for the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) climate-smart agriculture programs which provide funding for dairy farmers to make changes to their manure management and farming practices to reduce methane emissions and generate renewable energy. These are changes dairy farmers would like to adopt, however, due to the volatility and uncertainty of milk prices paid to dairy farmers and record-high milk production costs today, it is difficult for dairy farmers to afford these climate-smart investments.

Done right, climate policy for agriculture can create economically sustainable family farms and environmentally sustainable communities. All dairy methane reduction programs should work for dairies of all sizes. Ensuring there are a diverse number of dairy farmers strengthens food security and energy security through climate-smart manure management programs that decrease methane emissions and improve energy security to foster a more sustainable food and energy system and thriving agricultural economies.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments on the scoping plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynne McBride". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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