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California Air Resources Board

Re: Comments on CARB Draft 2022 Climate Change Scoping Plan

Missouri Rural Crisis Center urges the Air Resources Board to exclude all fuels derived from bio-methane from dairy and swine manure from the Climate Change Scoping Plan.

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.*

Missouri family farmers and rural communities have been displaced, hollowed-out, and depopulated as a result of the corporate consolidation in, and control of, our food system, specifically by way of corporate industrial livestock operations.

Smithfield Foods Inc., a wholly foreign-owned Chinese corporation, and Roeslein Alternative Energy have partnered to produce biomethane – factory farm gas – for sale into the California Low Carbon Fuel Standard marketplace. Smithfield has severely injured Missouri family farms, residents and our land and air (and our climate), and supporting their use of biogas sets a bad precedent for current and potential future corporate livestock operations moving into Missouri.

The use of farm gas would further enriched Smithfield and Roeslein, rewarding them for Smithfield's extraction and exploitation of farm families, rural communities and our land, air, water and climate, and further tilt the scale against independent family farmers struggling to hold onto what meager share of the livestock market they have left.

Missouri farmers – not multinational corporations – support a return to family farm-based traditional farming where farmers and communities flourish. Shifting manure management from liquefied hog waste in methane-spewing impoundments to hogs raised by independent family farms reduces methane without extraction and exploitation.

On behalf of our family farm members, we ask that you reform this pollution trading scheme that inflicts harm on our communities. Thank you for your time and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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