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Mrs. Mary Nichols
Chairman, California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
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Dear Chairman Nichols,

The California Cattlemen's Association (CCA) strongly urges you to approve the 2009 Imperial County PM10 State Implementation Plan (SIP). CCA represents California beef producers who are good stewards of nation's natural resources and balance the production of safe, nutritious and an affordable food with continued environmental stewardship.

The Imperial County PM10 SIP was adopted by Imperial County in August of 2009 and meets all requirements under the federal Clean Air Act to allow the local air district to meet attainment objectives by focusing on the reduction of PM10 from documented sources. The SIP also demonstrates that Imperial County has employed Best Available Control Measures (BACM) for source categories.

Beef producers in the Imperial Valley have worked closely with county and local air district officials to adopt a SIP that achieves actual reductions in PM10 and improves poor air quality. Collaboration between industry and the local air district has been occurring since 2004 with the adoption of BACMs.

Our industry supported the adoption of the 2009 PM10 SIP by Imperial County in August of 2009 and likewise would urge the Air Resources Board to vote to approve the SIP at your May board hearing.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Justin Oldfield in the CCA office.

Sincerely,

Paul Cameron
Feeder Council Vice Chair

CC: Brad Poiriez, Imperial County Air Pollution Control Officer

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