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Mr. [REDACTED]
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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I am pleased to write in support of your anaerobic digester project and applaud your desire to improve our environment and your dairy operations. Your applications to the California Pollution Control Financing Authority (CPCFA) and the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC) to get an allocation for bond financing for these waste to energy projects, should help you obtain final financing and get these projects completed.

I fully support the purpose and intent of these extremely valuable projects, which assist dairy farmers in developing sustainable solutions in managing waste. The State of California wants to see the widespread adoption of digester systems to better manage manure and nutrients, help address air and water quality concerns, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and produce renewable energy, fertilizer, and other value-added products.

Additional benefits include odor reduction and enhanced nutrient management, as manure run through digester systems can be applied at more precise rates, reducing runoff potential. Pathogens are also destroyed in the process, helping further preserve water quality.

Research clearly shows that dairies that develop a waste management system using an anaerobic digester significantly reduce methane emissions from dairy and livestock operations which results in a major reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the dairy. I applaud your plans to install an anaerobic digester designed by CH Four, the highest rated and most efficient digester available, which will greatly improve air and water quality in this region.

Thank you for all you do as a business owner and employer in San Joaquin County. I know this project will help this region not only meet and exceed air and water quality standards but will also demonstrate to others in California that sustainable practices benefit everyone. I fully support your project and I look forward to hearing about your progress.

Sincerely,

Robert Rickman
Supervisor, Fifth District
San Joaquin County

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“I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain (what I consider the most enviable of all titles), the character of an honest man.”

- George Washington -