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RE: 00-037-2

To Whom It May Concern:

We strongly support the amendment to the citrus canker regulations to establish provisions under which eligible owners of commercial citrus groves could receive payments to recover production income lost as a result of the removal of commercial citrus trees to control citrus canker.

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Director

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