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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a former lime grove owner (destroyed by citrus canker), as well as the owner of a grove care taking company. I agree to, and support, using correct price data and correct risk adjustments when considering compensation to lime growers for their losses.

As a result of citrus canker, I have lost two-thirds of the citrus care taking portion of my business. The compensation amounts the growers will receive are a major consideration on their part, as well as my own, as to whether or not these groves will be replanted. The lime groves that have been destroyed were just entering their peak year in production since being replanted after Hurricane Andrew. It is my understanding that these figures were not taken when reaching the current figures for compensation.

I also feel that a large portion of the farming community in South Dade will be affected by the amounts that APHIS figures for the lime compensation. I include in this "community" everyone from the grove owners to the lime harvesters.

Please take this into consideration and review the current price data and risk adjustments.

Sincerely,

Mark Philcox
President

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