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Senate Committee on Agriculture and Bioeconomy
c/o Senator Gerald Van Woerkom

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Bioeconomy:

On behalf of the nearly 2,200 members of Michigan Milk Producers Association, we are providing this letter to indicate our support of Substitute Senate Bill 1131 and Substitute Senate Bill 1132 that would amend both the Grade A Milk Law and the Manufacturing Milk Law. Both substitute bills will allow MDA to implement the fees and fines that were agreed to by the Dairy Inspection Program Workgroup that has been meeting over the last year.

We appreciate the collaborative efforts by the Dairy Division of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, the Dairy Inspection Program Workgroup and the State Legislature to develop the revised dairy fees and fines program as found in the Substitute Bills. The dairy inspection program is an essential component to providing a safe and wholesome supply of fresh dairy products to all consumers.

We appreciate the opportunity to support the legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Nobis".

Ken Nobis
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Dilland".

John Dilland
General Manager