

Congress of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20515

March 24, 2005

The Honorable Mike Johanns
Secretary of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing in regard to the ongoing rulemaking process in the Pacific Northwest and Arizona-Las Vegas Milk Marketing Orders. USDA began the hearing process to consider changes to the producer-handler provisions of these orders in September, 2003. The hearing process concluded in August, 2004, and as of yet, no decision has been published by your department.

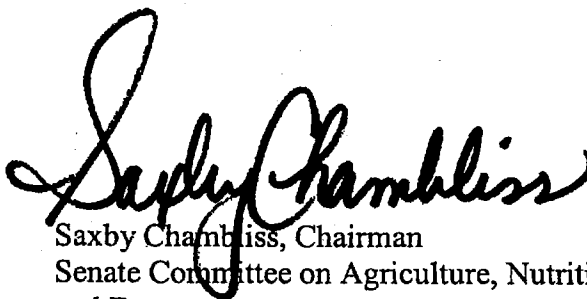
We would like to urge you to take the necessary steps to facilitate the timely release of the decision under this rulemaking.

Thank you in advance for your assistance on this issue,

Best Regards,



Bob Goodlatte, Chairman
House Committee on Agriculture



Saxby Chambliss, Chairman
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition
and Forestry

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