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Date: July 29, 2015

County: Wayne

State: North Carolina

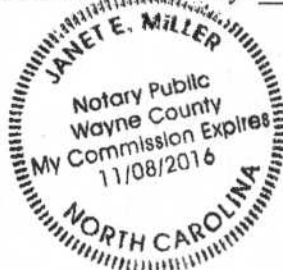
PERSONALLY came and appeared before me, the undersigned Notary, the within named W. Timothy Haithcock, who is a resident of the County Wayne, State of North Carolina, and makes his/her statement and General Affidavit upon oath and affirmation of belief and personal knowledge that the following matters, facts or things set forth are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge:

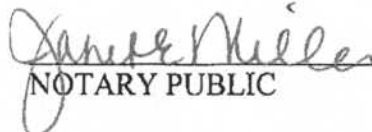
I am the President of the North Carolina Pecan Growers Association. The Board of Directors of the North Carolina Pecan Growers Association authorized me to forward the attached letter of support in favor of the proposed federal marketing order for pecans to The Honorable Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture. Attached is a true and correct copy of the said letter.

DATED this day: 29th, of July, 2015.


Signature of Affiant

SWORN to subscribe before me this day: 29th, of July, 2015.




NOTARY PUBLIC

North Carolina Pecan Growers Association

June 30, 2015

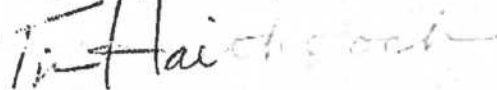
The Honorable Tom Vilsack
Secretary of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Room 200-A
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack:

The North Carolina Pecan Growers Association is writing you in support of the Federal Marketing Order for Pecans currently being promulgated by the American Pecan Board. Our industry has and continues to face issues of price and supply instability in the market. This situation inhibits our effort to provide a consistent quality supply of pecans to domestic consumers at a price that supports a profitable return to producers and processors. We believe that a Federal Marketing Order will contribute to a more stable market environment that is favorable to growers, buyers, shellers, and consumers.

The North Carolina Pecan Growers Association goes on record in favor of the Order and greatly appreciates your support.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Haitncock,
President, NCGPA

Cc: The Honorable Edward M. Avalos
Office of the Under Secretary
Marketing and Regulatory Programs
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 228-W
Washington, D.C. 20250

The Honorable Anne L. Alonzo
Administrator
Agricultural Marketing Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Washington, D.C. 20250