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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:

The Michigan Dairy Food Association's membership represents 13 major dairy processing plants in Michigan which employ 2,250 workers. MDFA members of both large multi state manufactures and small "niche" manufacturing has made Michigan one of the top 5 dairy food processing states due to its favorable treatment of agriculture, economic development and a large dairy industry to draw from. MDFA member's products are shipped all over the world making the state a leader in dairy processing.

On behalf of the Michigan Dairy Food 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 represent the Dairy Inspection Program Workgroup's compromise that will allow MDA to implement the fees and fines which will support the Dairy Inspection Program.

We appreciate all the hard work done by the Dairy Division of the Michigan Department of Agriculture as well as the Dairy Inspection Program Workgroup. These efforts allowed for us to revise the dairy fees and fines as found in the Substitute Bills.

The dairy inspection program is vital to the dairy industry. It provides the protection needed by the consumer to purchase dairy products that are fresh and nutritious.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the Dairy Inspection Program Workgroup and support the results which are given in the Substitute Bills 1131 and 1132.

Sincerely,

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