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Bruce Summers Administrator Agricultural Marketing Service U.S. Department of Agriculture 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20250

Dear Administrator Summers:

On behalf of National Farmers Organization (NFO), we are writing in support of the comprehensive proposal for modernization of the Federal Milk Marketing Order (FMMO) system submitted to you on May 1, 2023, by the National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF). NFO serves over 1,500 dairy farmers throughout the United States.

Even though NFO is not a member of NMPF, our dairy leadership team has studied and discussed their proposal at length. We have concluded that the NMPF proposal will benefit our producers and represents the best path forward for the U.S. dairy industry. We believe the changes outlined in the NMPF proposal are much needed and long overdue.

As a matter of Board policy, NFO does not bloc vote its membership. Should you choose to call a hearing on the NMPF proposal, we will encourage our member-farmers to vote in the affirmative.

We want to express our gratitude to you and the entire staff at USDA for their hard work on behalf of America's farmers.

Sincerely,

Paul Olson President

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