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TO: GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

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Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

We, the undersigned residents of California, call upon you to honor the compassionate values of our fellow citizens by signing Senate Bill 135, a measure to ban the unnecessary and inhumane tail docking of dairy cows. You have shown yourself on many occasions to be a true leader when it comes to animal welfare concerns. We were proud of you when you signed legislation to ban the force-feeding of ducks and geese for foie gras in 2004, passed a law in 2006 to limit the length of time that dogs could be tied outside on tethers, and helped protect the seals of La Jolla earlier this year by signing SB 428. You now have an opportunity to act with compassion again, and maintain California's position as a leader in animal protection.

The practice of cutting off cows' tails is simply cruel and unnecessary. Veterinarians, scientists and even the California Farm Bureau *all agree* that the procedure provides *no* benefits for animals or consumers. It is an outdated practice, and it simply has no place in California agriculture. Taking this small step toward greater kindness will cost us nothing. Refusing to take action would be a step backwards for our great state.

Please, make California proud, and sign this legislation today. Thank you very much for your thoughtful consideration. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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