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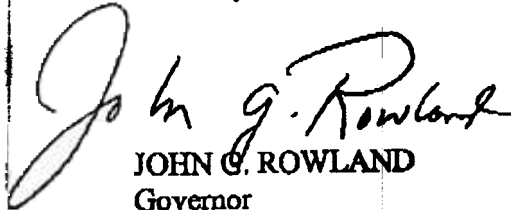
Dear Mr. Smith:

On behalf of the State of Connecticut, I would like to extend greetings to you and the Northeast Dairy Compact Commission as you hold your first meeting in Mystic, Connecticut on August 8, 2001.

I commend the impact of your efforts over the past years and I thank you for choosing Mystic as the place to continue the important discussions that will continue to positively impact the dairy farmers of the State of Connecticut and the Northeastern Region. Specifically, the Dairy Compact has been extremely successful at decreasing the attrition rate of our farms over the past five years while creating a foundation of anchor farms that act as the core of the agricultural industry in Connecticut.

I applaud the Compact Commission for being the root of these successes. Your talks are essential to the production of a fresh and wholesome supply of milk for Connecticut and the surrounding region. Please accept my warm welcome and wishes for another successful gathering.

Sincerely,

  
JOHN G. ROWLAND  
Governor

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*Attn: Daniel Smith*