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Mr. Daniel Smith
Executive Director
Northeast Dairy Compact Commission
64 Main Street, Room 21
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

Dear Friends,

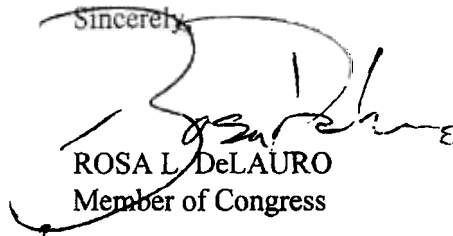
I am so sorry that I am unable to join you for today's meeting. I was thrilled to hear that the Commission has scheduled today's meeting - - the first - - in Connecticut and wish I could join this important discussion.

The Northeast Dairy Compact is an important tool for New England dairy farmers - - providing a unique incentive for families to continue in a long and proud tradition. Allowing the industry to remain self-sufficient, the Compact enhances the independence of our dairy farmers and since its inception, has made a significant difference in this industry. Not only has it provided financial assistance to families during difficult periods, but, because of its very nature, has created strong bonds throughout our region.

We, as Members of Congress, are so fortunate to have such vocal partners in this process. Your dedication and commitment has allowed many Members, myself included, to bring a clear understanding of your unique interests to our colleagues in Washington. I am certainly proud to support the re-authorization of the Compact and look forward to working with all you to ensure the success of this important legislation.

Again, I am sorry that I am unable to attend today's meeting. Please accept my sincere apologies and very best wishes.

Sincerely,


ROSA L. DeLAURO
Member of Congress