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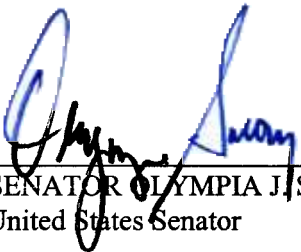
Dear Dan:

We would like to request any information that you might be able to provide us that would demonstrate that the Northeast Dairy Compact has been effective in slowing or halting the loss of farms in the compact region. As you are aware, the most common argument that dairy compact opponents present against the compact's effectiveness is the contention that, since the Northeast Dairy Compact's operation, the loss of dairy farms in those states has continued unabated. As a result, any data or information that you could provide that would refute such an argument would be useful to have.


It would also be useful to have letters of support from each state's Commissioner of Agriculture. Ideally, if all of the compact state's commissioners were to write letters indicating the positive effects of the dairy compact on protecting and maintaining farms, these documents could be used in future committee hearings and in other reports as useful exhibits.

Please let us know if there is anything we can provide to help you with this task. Your time and effort in helping to provide this information are very much appreciated. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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