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The Honorable Adrin Nazarian
California State Assembly
1021 O St., Ste. 6230
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Alex Lee
California State Assembly
1021 O St., Ste. 6330
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: – OPPOSE, AB 2764, Animals: Commercial Animal Feeding Operations, Prohibition on New Operations

Dear Assemblymember Nazarian and Assemblymember Lee,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our opposition to your AB 2764, which seeks to prohibit commercial animal feeding operations from commencing or expanding operations.

Solano County is home to cattle operations, dairies, aquatic animal farming and meat processing facilities. AB 2764 would hinder our County's economic production coming from our farming and agricultural communities. While we recognize the intent of the bill, prohibiting these operations from expanding will put a severe strain on our County's resources that we estimate could cost our farming and agricultural sectors in the tens of millions of dollars per year.

The industry that AB 2764 seeks to regulate is already heavily regulated and is subjected to extensive oversight from various entities. All of this ensures that the practices inside of the facilities in question are safe, efficient, and humane. These facilities provide a valuable source of jobs and economic activity to our County and we hope that they can continue operation and expand if they deem it necessary. It is important to us and our agricultural community that a sector with such extensive pre-existing regulation is not subject to further obstacles hindering economic growth and prosperity.

For the reasons above, Solano County must respectfully oppose AB 2764 in the interest of our County's vital agricultural community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Vasquez".

John M. Vasquez,
District 4 Supervisor and Chair
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