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September 18, 2020

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Secretary
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Secretary Perdue,

On behalf of the growers in Central Washington, I want to send my sincere gratitude to you and your entire team at the United States Department of Agriculture for your work on the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2. Over this last year, many growers of specialty crops, including apples, potatoes, cherries, pears, wine grapes, and hops, our program crops like wheat, and livestock like cattle and dairy, have faced dire uncertainty. The announcement of CFAP 2 truly shows that USDA has listened to our growers and developed a much-needed and sincerely-welcomed program for producers in our region.

Central Washington's agriculture producers are resilient, but the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on our ability to maintain a strong, stable food supply chain. The inclusion of Central Washington commodities in this additional assistance will provide desperately-needed relief to our hard-working producers and allow them to continue feeding the world through this pandemic and into the future.

Thank you, Secretary Perdue, for listening to the voices of Central Washington's farmers and ranchers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Newhouse".

Dan Newhouse
Member of Congress