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Zero Foodprint

Via email: Karen@zerofoodprint.org; Anthony@zerofoodprint.org

Dear Ms. Leibowitz and Mr. Myint:

Congratulations on the official launch of Restore California! We'd like to thank you, along with the rest of the Perennial Farming Initiative staff, for your tireless work to create this program. The leadership at the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), California Air Resources Board (CARB), and the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) recognize how crucial the actions of private industry are for improving our soil health and contributing to California's fight against climate change.

Restore California's novel approach empowers the restaurant industry and restaurant patrons to support California farmers in expanding their healthy soil management practices. Our common understanding is that healthy soils are the foundation of our robust agricultural system and key to addressing climate change. We believe your program can be a vanguard for similar efforts in other industries within California and beyond.

We hope that the tools CARB and CDFA have developed for the Healthy Soils Program will be helpful in quantifying the positive impact that Restore California will have on the agricultural industry and the people of California. We hope that Restore California's success can serve as a model for climate action and look forward to finding additional ways to collaborate in the future.

Sincerely,

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of Food and Agriculture

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