



VIA FACSIMILE

September 21, 2009

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 856 (Caballero)

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Organic Fertilizer Association of California urges you to sign to Assembly Bill 856 (Caballero).

The Organic Fertilizer Association of California (OFAC) represents the interests of the organic fertilizer producers, distributors and retailers that provide organic fertilizer inputs to the agriculture and horticulture industries.

AB 856 will allow the California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) Fertilizer Inspection Division to regulate fertilizer materials used as organic inputs in certified organic production. The legislation establishes a fee structure that will provide funding for implementation and operation of the program. This legislation will have no economic impact on the state.

This legislation will help ensure that organic growers receive fertilizer products that meet the USDA National Organic Programs standards and consumers of California grown organic products that these products meets the standards set by the USDA.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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