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April 12, 2018

Dear 3rd District Organic Producer,

Thank you for your recent letter urging me to me to cosponsor H.R. 3871, the Organic Farmer and Consumer Protection Act of 2017. I am pleased to inform you that I will be cosponsoring this important piece of legislation.

Maintaining the integrity of the "USDA Certified Organic" label is of utmost importance to me given the significance of organic agriculture in my district. In fact, according to the Organic Trade Association, California's 3rd Congressional district is the 10th ranked district out of all 435 congressional districts in terms of the number of organic producers. As you know, the National Organic Program is one of our best lines of defense when it comes to keeping fraudulent organic products out of the market.

I am also very appreciative of the farm bill priorities that you shared with me. I have clearly articulated my support for increasing the NOP funding level to House Agriculture Committee Chairman Conaway, both through formal letters as well as informal conversations. Please know that I will continue to push for increased funding as Congress develops the 2018 farm bill.

Going forward, please do not hesitate to reach out to my Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director, Garrett Durst, at Garrett.durst@mail.house.gov should you have questions, concerns or thoughts on any policy. I look forward to working with you in advancing organic agriculture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Garamendi".

JOHN GARAMENDI
Member of Congress