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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
Gregg Hart, Chair
105 Anapamu St. # 406
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RE: Recognition of Central Coast Agriculture, (CCA)

We would like to bring to your attention the commitment by Central Coast Agriculture to help address the issues of Food Insecurity in our community, especially in North County.

In the beginning of this year, CCA initiated an effort to champion our annual “**Empty Bowls**” event in Lompoc to help hundreds of needy families. As you are well aware the onslaught of the coronavirus pandemic on our community has stressed resources, meanwhile the need to provide vital services has become greater.

Through CCA’s leadership, the Food Bank of Santa Barbara County was adopted as a “**Community Partner**” by the Good Farmers Great Neighbors Organization, helping to amplify our voice and encourage additional support among the greater farming community.

Our current economic recession and growing anxiety of the ongoing pandemic has tested our resolve to ensure we can feed every family and child in our county. We are grateful for CCA’s generosity and more importantly its community leadership addressing food insecurity issues among our most vulnerable populations - seniors, children and people of color.

Sincerely,

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