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July 26, 2011

The Honorable Mark Leno  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5100  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 676 (Leno) - Support

Dear Senator Leno:

On behalf of the Kings County Board of Supervisors, we would like to express support for Senate Bill 676, *The California Industrial Hemp Farming Act*, which will clarify that California law allows the agricultural production of industrial hemp. This Board is pleased that the County of Kings is one of the five counties chosen to participate in the pilot program to promote cultivation of industrial hemp. We agree that industrial hemp has the potential to be an important agricultural crop that can produce paper, clothing, canvas, rope, food products, building materials, and many other commercial uses and that it has the potential of helping the state of the economy in California.

Therefore, we agree that SB 676 is a significant piece of legislation that will allow farmers in Kings County to grow industrial hemp as a viable agricultural commodity which will be as good for agriculture as it is for the environment.

Sincerely,

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Tony Barba, Chairman