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### **Memo of Support for Clean Transportation Fuel Standard**

We are writing to offer our strong support for a Clean Transportation Fuel Standard, legislation that would reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the transportation sector 20% by 2030 and 30% by 2040 while also reducing a host of co-pollutants such as particulate matter (PM), nitrous oxide (NOx), and carbon monoxide (CO).

Darling Ingredients is the nation's largest rendering company. We collect animal byproducts from the livestock industry, bakery residuals from commercial facilities, and used cooking oil (UCO) from restaurants. Once collected, these organic materials are refined into finished fats and oils that can then be sold to the biofuels industry for further recycling into sustainable, domestically-sourced biodiesel and renewable diesel. We collect UCO and waste fats throughout New Mexico and operate a processing facility located in Bernalillo.

In addition to our New Mexico operations, Darling owns several facilities in California and Oregon, states that have implemented Clean Transportation Fuel Standards. Based on our experience in these jurisdictions, we believe passage of such legislation would increase local and regional market demand for UCO, which would result in higher returns for restaurants, enhanced collection rates, and reduced rates of improper disposal. Darling's biodiesel and renewable diesel customers produce fuels that reduce GHGs by as much as 86%<sup>1</sup> and nearly all co-pollutants by at least 50%.

We respectfully urge your support of a Clean Transportation Fuel Standard during the upcoming 30-day legislative session. Doing so would provide significant environmental and human health benefits while creating an environment in which businesses focused on creating sustainable products can grow and thrive. Thank you for considering our views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shelby Neal".

Shelby Neal  
V.P. – Renewables and Energy Policy

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<sup>1</sup> Source: California Air Resources Board.