Dear:
I am joining the fight to help save our small dairy farmers that are being forced to leave the Point Reyes National Seashore. The Northern California North Bay Milk Shed produces 60% of the state's organic milk and losing these family farms puts further strain on the remaining dairy communities.
All of these farms are small, multi-generational family owned and operated farms. These small farms were forced out during the back-to-back lawsuits via a leave settlement. They were given a exit time of 15 months, which is an impractical timeframe to relocate or sell off an entire farm. Due to the practicalities of such a lofty undertaking, these farmers need to decide by May their path forward.
We as a community would like to support these farmers in choosing to stay in business and relocate. This is not feasible under the current circumstances. Without your support, they will be forced to sell and close. They will be lost to us forever.
Small family dairy farms and on the verge of extinction, in this area alone we have lost 25 dairy farms in the last decade. They are virtually impossible to replace. Here in Northern California, these farms are the storybook farms we all enjoy seeing both in the landscape and on our store shelves.
We stand alongside the community fighting for these farms to stay in business and have an opportunity to relocate in a feasible amount of time. We are asking for your immediate help to get that timeline extended to July 31, 2027 to support the successful relocation of these farming operations.
Please provide urgent help to keep these small multi-generational family farms.
Sincerely,