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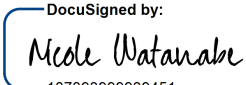
Honorable Daron McDaniel  
Merced County Board of Supervisors  
2222 M Street  
Merced, California 95340

Subject: U.S. Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan  
Declaration due to a U.S. Department of Agriculture Disaster Designation

Dear Chairperson McDaniel:

The U.S. Small Business Administration declared the primary counties of **Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara** and the contiguous counties of **Fresno, Kern, Kings, Merced, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz** and **Venture** a disaster area. This declaration is a result of a May 10, 2021, U.S. Department of Agriculture disaster designation due to drought severity levels of D2 (for eight consecutive weeks), D3, or D4, as identified on the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is providing the enclosed information regarding this declaration. Please inform interested individuals, businesses, and city officials within your county of this declaration and information.

Sincerely,   
NICOLE WATANABE  
Individual Assistance Program Manager

Enclosure

cc: Merced County Office of Emergency Services

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