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Cort O'Haver, President and CEO
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Dear Mr. O'Haver:

I am writing on behalf of the Loleta Cheese Factory, an important constituent business in the northern part of my congressional district. The building it occupies in the small town of Loleta is imminently pending a foreclosure auction by your institution as soon as December 6.

Loleta Cheese Factory has been in this location for 37 years. Its popular cheeses are known throughout California and beyond. The factory currently employs 20 people, a very significant number of jobs in the rural and economically challenged community of Loleta. It is also part of the larger dairy industry which forms the character of the area and the factory is a favorite tourist destination of many travelling the U.S. Highway 101 corridor. Local dairy operators with the support of county officials are working diligently to determine how the cheese factory can be saved.

An immediate foreclosure of the Loleta Cheese Factory building would have long-term consequences to the region. I ask that you consider working toward a mutual solution that avoids these consequences—including that you give full and fair consideration to postponing the auction, consistent with applicable law, rules, and regulations. If you have any questions, please contact my Eureka district staff John Driscoll at john.driscoll@mail.house.gov, or (707) 407-3585.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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