

April 9, 2004

The Honorable Barbara Matthews, Chair
Assembly Agriculture Committee
State Capitol, Room 5155
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Joint Resolution 69 (Matthews and Maldonado), relating to specialty crops.
California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association ...Support and Amend

Dear Assemblymember Matthews:

The California Agriculture Association Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA) supports and seeks to amend Assembly Joint Resolution 69, that is scheduled for hearing before your Assembly Agriculture Committee on Wednesday, April 14, 2004.

AJR 69 requests Congress to support the passage of HR 3242, the Specialty Crop Competitiveness Act of 2003. CACASA fully agrees with the intent of AJR 69 and is very supportive of the efforts of the California Department of Food and Agriculture to bring resources to California for important agricultural progress. The Association would further request that language be included in AJR 69 to recognize the work performed by County Agriculture Commissioners in protecting California Agriculture from exotic pests and diseases. In fact, many of the statistics cited in the resolution were generated by and reflective of the work performed by Commissioners locally.

The Association supports your AJR 69 and respectfully requests your consideration to reference County Agricultural Commissioners in the context of this measure.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Advocate

Cc: Each Member and Consultant,
Assembly Agricultural Committee