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Sent via email to farbill.hemp@usda.gov

William Richmond, Chief
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Specialty Crops Program Agriculture Marketing Service
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20250

Re: Vermont Hemp Production Plan Withdrawal

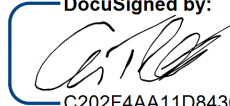
Dear Mr. Richmond,

I write to notify you that the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets (VAAFMM) respectfully withdraws the Vermont Hemp Production Plan, which was approved by USDA on December 22, 2021 pursuant to Section 297B(a)2(A)(i-vii) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. The final date VAAFMM will operate its Hemp Program will be December 31, 2022. This date coincides with the expiration date of 2022 hemp grower registrations issued by the Hemp Program.

The VAAFMM will work with USDA to ensure a smooth transition for its growers including participating in a joint webinar, updating the Agency website to refer potential registrants to the USDA grower licensing system and conducting direct outreach to potential 2023 registrants.

VAAFMM appreciated the opportunity to operate a state hemp production program. It will continue to provide business support to producers and processors as it is able, and hopes the hemp grain, fiber and cannabinoid markets in the state continue to grow.

Warm regards,

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Anson B. Tebbetts, Secretary

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