



**CAFF**  
COMMUNITY ALLIANCE  
with **FAMILY FARMERS**

April 15, 2021

The Honorable Carlos Villapudua  
State Capitol, Room 4162  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 391 (Villapudua) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Villapudua,

The Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF) has represented small and mid-scale family farmers in California for over 40 years, seeking to preserve family-scale agriculture, promote local food systems, and advance environmental sustainability. We are pleased to support your AB 391, which would provide technical assistance and incentives to farmers to plant pollinator habitat on their farms.

CAFF has promoted the planting of hedgerows and other pollinator habitat for decades. In fact, we have published the principal manual on hedgerows in California: *Hedgerows and Farmscaping for California Agriculture—A Resource Guide for Farmers*. We have also worked through our CalCAN network to create and fund the Healthy Soils program at CDFA, which provides funding to farmers to plant hedgerows and pollinator habitat, among other things.

We are pleased to see that the almond industry is sponsoring this bill as it has often been difficult to convince almond growers to plant habitat on their farms. The pollinator crisis is real and farmers need to be encouraged to plant such habitat. AB 391 will definitely help.

Thank you for carrying this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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