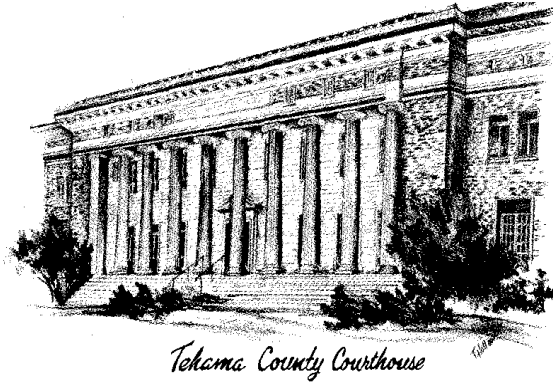


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Chief Administrator

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Hon. Tom Umberg, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 3240
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SUPPORT FOR SB 1176 (Choi) – Agricultural Land: Foreign Ownership- Support

Dear Chair Umberg,

Tehama County Board of Supervisors is pleased to **SUPPORT** SB 1176 (Choi), which would protect California’s agriculture by preventing certain foreign actors from purchasing or holding controlling interest in the state’s agricultural land.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) released a report in January 2025, detailing how many acres of U.S. farmland is owned by foreign entities for 2024. The report indicated that over 46 million acres of U.S. agricultural land was owned by foreign entities, including 1,357,750 acres of California agricultural land. The report also showed that over 18% (248,217 acres) in the U.S. are owned by countries on the federal government’s list of nations that pose a national security threat, with China and Iran listed among some of the largest investors.

In California, agricultural land often surrounds critical infrastructure, military bases, and water systems. As geopolitical tensions rise, it is critical to our state and national security that U.S. soil is under control and ownership of the U.S., with exceptions for its allies. SB 1176 will help protect Californian citizens and local farmers from potential conflict, and will support family farms who are facing issues with hostile acquisition attempts, water usage rights and the repercussions of land misuse from unattended land.

For Tehama County, where agriculture is a cornerstone of the local economy and way of life, maintaining local and trusted control of farmland is essential to protecting food security, economic stability, and public safety. This bill provides a balanced approach by focusing only

on high-risk foreign actors, while still allowing investment from U.S. allies and legitimate partners, ensuring both security and economic vitality.

For these reasons, Tehama County Board of Supervisors is pleased to **SUPPORT SB 1176 (Choi)**.

Sincerely,

Tom Walker
Chair, Tehama County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Members, Senate Judiciary Committee