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Colorado Seed Potato Act

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To: gail.schwartz.senate@state.co.us

Dear Senator Schwartz,

I am writing to you on behalf of the creation of the Colorado Seed Potato Act. A seed law is essential to the well being of the Potato Industry in the San Luis Valley for several reasons. Among these are the following:

1. It will allow Colorado to begin cleaning up disease problems such as the Mosaic virus by limiting highly contaminated lots from staying in the system for years.
2. It will allow us to more easily meet the requirements of potatoes for export as some countries such as Mexico require that commercial potatoes must be grown from certified seed.
3. It will allow us to better compete in the sales of seed potatoes with other major potato growing states most of which have seed laws.

The propose act is fair to all parties and major discussions over the past two years have provided ample forum for discussion of issues concerning all potato growers. The makeup and role of the advisory committee to the Commissionner of Agriculture will insure that final rules and implementation continue to benefit the potato industry with input from all.

Sincerely,

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Potato Grower