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Organic Certification Trade Association Education & Outreach Political Advocacy



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Ms. Ann Michelle Arsenault  
National Organic Standards Board  
USDA-AMS-NOP  
1400 Independence Ave., SW.  
Room 2646-So., Ag Stop 0268  
Washington, DC 20250-0268

**RE: NOSB Handling Committee Agenda item: Petitioned Material Proposal – *Murraya koenigii* (curry leaves)**

Dear Ms. Arsenault and NOSB,

CCOF thanks the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) for the opportunity to comment on the proposal to add curry leaves to §205.606, and for considering CCOF clients in your assessment of the commercial availability of organic curry leaves. CCOF-certified client Beck Grove grows curry trees on their farm in southern California. We understand that this supply is not sufficient to meet the national need for organic curry leaves at this time but encourage the NOSB to continue to assess the commercial availability of this agricultural ingredient in the coming years.

Again, CCOF thanks you for the opportunity to provide our comments, and sincerely thanks the Handling Committee for their time and efforts on these complex subjects. We are available to answer any questions you might have about our comments.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Cathy Calfo in black ink.

Cathy Calfo, Executive Director/CEO

Handwritten signature of Jake Lewin in black ink.

Jake Lewin, Chief Certification Officer

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