

FARMERS INVESTMENT CO.

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FARMING AND FARM MANAGEMENT:
SANTA CRUZ VALLEY FARM, AZ
SAN SIMON FARM, AZ
BLUE THREE GROVES, GEORGIA



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PROCESSING AND MARKETING:
THE GREEN VALLEY PECAN COMPANY
THE PECAN STORE
GREEN VALLEY PECANS

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Statement of Dick and Nan Walden
Farmers Investment Co
Sahuarita, Arizona

As farmers and ranchers, we are concerned about climate every day. Whether it is drought, temperature increases, pest cycles or invasive species, a successful farmer has to observe the environment and work to create sustainable practices. Good environmental policy is good economic policy because it involves conserving and sustaining resources, whether finite or renewable.

That is why we were disappointed that the President withdrew the US from the Paris Accords. It is also why we support the Pima County Board of Supervisors' action that reinforces our commitment to addressing climate change.

The overwhelming majority of scientists tell us that human-made pollution is accelerating the dangerous pace of global climate change. Rising sea levels and increased CO2 threaten our national security, infrastructure investments and our ability to farm to feed our nation and our world.

Instead of turning back the clock to fossil fuels, we should embrace lower cost AND cleaner sources of energy in new job producing technologies.

The action you are considering today is entirely consistent with Pima County's nationally recognized leadership in resource conservation that brings people and prosperity to our region. Clean air and water, a mild climate, magnificent birds and wildlife, a history rich in art and culture---these are features that attract businesses and permanent and part-time residents.

That is why we support the resolution before the Board today that reaffirms Pima County's commitment to addressing global climate change.

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