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I am a fourth-generation farmer in California's Central Valley. I graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 2012 with a degree in Agricultural Business and a minor in Plant Protection Science. I also hold PCA and CCA licenses. My family farm is run and operated by my father, Julien Parsons, and my uncle. My cousin and I are currently supervisors on the farm and are responsible for day-to-day operations and managing our crew of workers. Historically, our family farm was primarily cotton and other row crops. In the early 90's, my father had the vision to start planting pistachios and they now represent almost half of our planted acreage. My father was a member of the Administrative Committee for Pistachios and valued the experience. As a young farmer, I think I could benefit from sitting on this committee and taking a more active role in the pistachio industry. Thank you for your consideration.