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February 18, 2003

MEMORANDUM

**Subject:** Invitation to hearing on PMMB Milk Pooling Regulations

**To:** House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Members

**From:** Raymond Bunt, Jr., Chairman  
House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee

As you can see from the attached memo from Senator Waugh, the committee has been invited to participate in a hearing on the final form milk premium pooling regulation. As you know, this is an important issue to dairy farmers across the Commonwealth and this hearing will be our opportunity to learn more about this complex matter.

The final form regulation was delivered to us last year and our time for committee deliberation was put on hold by sine die. We have been anticipating redelivery of the regulation and received it today. The technical process is that it was simultaneously redelivered, withdrawn and re-submitted with amendments, as you will note in the enclosure. This regulation now falls under the new IRRC process and we have more time for committee deliberation than in the past. If you have any questions about this new process or about the regulation, please call my staff.

As soon as an agenda is provided, I will share it with you. I look forward to seeing you in State College on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

RB/ab

Enclosures

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Interested Parties

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February 14, 2003

*Memorandum*

**Subject:** Milk Marketing Board "Pooling" Regulation

**To:** Members, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee

**From:** Senator Mike Waugh, Chairman  
Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee

The final-form rulemaking from the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board (MMB), proposing to establish 7 Pa. Code §148 (relating to the establishment of an over-order premium pool), has been redelivered to the committee, withdrawn and resubmitted with amendment (enclosed), in concert with the Independent Regulatory Review Act. Under the recently amended regulatory review process (Act 148 of 2002), the committee has until twenty-four hours before the tentatively scheduled March 27, 2003, meeting of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC), to consider the regulation or notify IRRC and the MMB that it wishes to withhold final consideration of the regulation until after IRRC's final action. No action by the committee to either consider the regulation or notify the Commission of its intentions to withhold action, deems approval.

This issue has proven to be contentious, divisive and complicated. As a result, and after receiving questions from several members, I am announcing a public hearing to receive testimony from the many affected interested parties on this issue. As this issue is also before the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, I will be inviting the Chairman, Representative Raymond Bunt, Jr., and his committee to attend and participate in the hearing. The hearing has been scheduled for March 19, 2003, 10:00 a.m., at the Toftrees Resort and Conference Center in State College. This location should serve well as a central location for all members and interested parties. Please see the enclosed materials for accommodation information and travel directions. An agenda will follow shortly.

Please feel free to contact me or my staff, Kristin Ebersole, with any questions or concerns you may have.

MW/kje

Enclosures

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