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Mrs. Beverly Minor
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Dear Mrs. Minor:

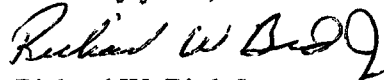
On behalf, of R. W. Bird Trucking, Inc., a milk hauler from Centre County, I am writing to you concerning the licensing procedures currently in use by the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board.

In my opinion it would be much more efficient and cost effective for the board to adopt the policy of renewing current hauler company and driver licenses for a two year period; in place of the current one year policy.

In your position of responsibility with the milk marketing board, I urge you to consider recommending the two-year policy.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Richard W. Bird, Jr.
Vice-President

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Ms. Lynda Bowman
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Re: Proposed Amendments to Chapter 150

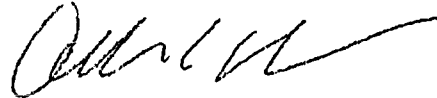
Dear Ms. Bowman:

The following comment is submitted on behalf of the Pennsylvania Association of Milk Dealers regarding the proposed amendments to Chapter 150 set forth at 32 Pa.B. 3953.

Specifically, the Pennsylvania Association of Milk Dealers, on behalf of its members, objects to the proposed increase in the hundred weight fees applicable to milk for which the Board has fixed a minimum wholesale or retail price received, produced, or brought into this Commonwealth. The proposed amendments include an increase from \$.035 to \$.055 per hundred weight, an increase of over 50%. PAMD believes that any such increase should be phased in over time. PAMD is not prepared at this point to take a position on how the increase should be phased in because it does not yet fully understand the extent of the Board's need for increased revenues. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss that issue further with you.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Allen C. Warshaw

For KLETT ROONEY LIEBER & SCHORLING
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cc: Earl B. Pink, Jr., Executive Vice President, PAMD (via facsimile)
Carl D. Herbein, Herbein & Company, Inc. (via facsimile)



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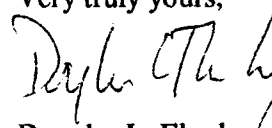
Thank you for your comments on behalf of the Pennsylvania Association of Milk Dealers regarding the proposed Fee Regulation. We have reviewed our budget projections and the proposed fee increases and do plan to change the regulation to provide for phasing in the fee increases over time.

Historically, our budget had been increasing between 2% and 3% per year. The proposed fee increases were based on projections that assumed similar increases would continue. However, our budget increased 1% for the 2002-2003 license year and will not increase in the 2003-2004 license year. We believe, therefore, that we can phase in the fee increases over time and still maintain adequate funding.

Our plan now is to implement the fee increases in two stages. The first would be effective in the 2003-2004 license year and would be for half of the proposed fee increases. The hundredweight fees for milk for which the Board has set a minimum wholesale or retail price would increase from \$0.035 to \$0.045 and the hundredweight fees for milk for which the Board has not set a minimum wholesale or retail price would increase from \$0.005 to \$0.0057. Effective for the 2008-2009 license year the hundredweight fees would increase to \$0.055 and \$0.0064, respectively. The other proposed fee increases will remain the same as they are presently in the proposed regulation.

Thank you again for your comments.

Through: 
Lynda J. Bowman
Secretary

Very truly yours,

Douglas L. Eberly
Chief Counsel

cc: Beverly Minor, Chairwoman
Luke Brubaker, Member
Barbara Grumbine, Consumer Member