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Independent Regulatory Review Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

It has recently come to my attention that the Independent Regulatory Review Commission did not vote in favor of the Chapter 59 update as written. On behalf of the thousands of dairy farms in Pennsylvania, I encourage you to revisit this regulation and support it.

All dairy producers need Chapter 59 approved in order to be in compliance with state and federal regulations, such as the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) which allows Pennsylvania farms and marketing groups to comply with the National Conference of Interstate Milk Shippers (NCIMS). If not in compliance, there could be a negative impact on interstate shipments of raw milk and processed dairy products that would be a disadvantage resulting in an uncompetitive dairy industry in Pennsylvania. This is an important issue for the Pennsylvanian dairy industry.

There are many elements included within the Chapter 59 regulations including raw milk standards. I encourage you to consider stripping such items of concern out of Chapter 59 and placing in a separate document apart from the Grade A and manufacture milk regulations so that Chapter 59 can be approved and updated to be in compliance with PMO and NCIMS standards.

On behalf of the dairy industry, we ask that you support the Chapter 59.

Sincerely,

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