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PA Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Food Safety
Division of Milk Sanitation
ATTN: Paul Hoge
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RE: Chapter 59a Milk Sanitation

Dear Mr. Hoge:

I have become aware just recently through the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA) of impending legislation regarding raw milk. First of all, I am alarmed at the timing of this enormous proposal coupled with the limited time for public response as if it is being rushed through before anyone has a chance to "digest" it. Secondly, any unnecessary regulations must be addressed. Please slow down.

Since your main concern is food safety, please be aware of the enormously unhealthy agribusiness practices that promote viruses affecting us now. Please do not burden the small operation with unnecessary hardship. People are standing up and uniting against corporate greed harming our lives.

As a concerned citizen who has grown up on raw milk (now approaching 50 so it's been a long time), and who knows the exceedingly beneficial effects of raw milk, this food must be promoted and sustained. I stand behind PASA's recommendations and want them to be seriously addressed.

Please do not fall into unnecessary fear of raw milk; please be aware that unfortunately and ironically, pasteurized milk actually is **not very beneficial to the body anymore since all the nutritious enzymes have been destroyed**. With ultra-pasteurization, the quality of milk is worsened, benefitting only corporate bottom lines via extended shelf life. So with necessary care of raw milk, people become healthier from drinking it.

Thank you for your careful use of authority to insure proper regulation based on facts, but not fearful regulation based on untruth for obliterating raw milk operations to satisfy corporate greed.

Sincerely,
Nancy Colbert



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Cc: PA Independent Regulatory Review Commission; PASA, Brian Snyder, Executive Director