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You can make your comments as long or as short as you like. Personalizing your comments helps them to have a bigger impact. Here are some talking points to get you started:

I urge PDA to make the following changes to the proposed regulations:

- ✓ Exempt direct transactions from the producer to the consumer from the regulations
  1. Direct farm-to-consumer transactions in raw milk and other farm products have been a boon to the Pennsylvania economy. Improving access to raw milk will improve Pennsylvania's economy!
  2. For non-Pennsylvania residents: Note that you bring money into the Pennsylvania economy by buying from Pennsylvania farmers
  3. Direct transactions between the producer and the consumer do not impact the "public's" health, safety or welfare and are purely private in nature

States that allow the unlicensed sale of raw milk direct from farmer to consumer have a good track record for food safety.

- ✓ Specify that the testing "for pathogens" should actually be testing for "pathogens that cause illness in humans"
  1. Not all "pathogens" cause illness in humans
  2. It is not reasonable to use state resources to test for things that don't cause illness in people and that therefore pose no public health threat
  3. Shutting down a farmer for something that poses no human health risk hurts the farmer, the consumers, and the local economy

Sincerely,

*Gail Coffey*

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*PS I have a grandson whose life depends on being able to have unpasteurized whole dairy products.*