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In regards to: Milk Sanitation Law Revisions, Section F

Dear Mr. Hoge,


I regularly travel to Pennsylvania and purchase milk because I cannot buy good milk in Maryland. I urge PDA to make the following changes to the proposed regulations for Section F of the milk sanitation law revisions:

- Exempt transactions directly from the producer to the consumer from the regulations
- Specify that the testing is "for pathogens that cause illness in humans" rather than the vague "for pathogens" statement

The best milk is produced by small PA farmers. I feel safest buying from small farms where I can inspect the conditions for operation and production myself. You need to allow them to keep operating costs low, or they will not be able to stay in business. Furthermore, the vague statement about pathogens could lead to unnecessary use of state resources such as time and money to test for things that do not cause illness in people and therefore pose no public health threat. In tough economic times, you need to make these important financial considerations.

I look forward to continuing to stimulate the PA economy with my raw milk purchases.

Sincerely,



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