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Dear Sirs:

This is a written comment on the proposed revisions to the administrative regulations that regulate milk sanitation, especially Section F about raw milk and raw dairy products.

Regulating raw dairy farmers out of business deprives the people of Pennsylvania of their choice of healthy raw dairy and drives away out-of-state sales that help support the economy of Pennsylvania while producing no benefit whatsoever.

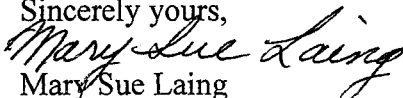
I ask you to:

Allow direct farmer-to-consumer sales. When consumers have a direct relationship to their farmers, regulation becomes unnecessary because customers only buy food that makes them feel well, and farmers are highly motivated to sell the best product because they care about their people. States, such as Missouri and Nebraska, that allow direct farmer-to-consumer sales of raw dairy have good reputations for food safety.

Testing should only be for pathogens that actually cause disease in humans. Testing for microorganisms that don't cause disease in humans is a waste of money, time, and effort.

I hope that you will change these revisions.

Sincerely yours,



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