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Attention: Paul Hoge
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Food Safety
Division of Milk Sanitation
2301 North Cameron Street
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Re: raw milk regulation

Dear Folks:

As a longtime consumer of raw milk, I have come to appreciate its flavor and health benefits. Raw milk from grass-fed cows not only provides energizing enzymes but also includes Omega 3 oils.

Accordingly, I request that the PDA change the proposed regulations, as follows:

- Exempt all direct transactions from the milk producer to a consumer
- Small producers benefit greatly from being able to sell directly to consumers. Witness the growth of farmers markets. Small producers help keep the countryside green and agriculturally valuable.
- As a Maryland resident, my purchase of PA raw milk also brings new money into the Pennsylvania economy.
- Direct transactions between the producer and the consumer involve knowledgeable regular purchasers who go to considerable trouble to make such purchases, and do not need supervision from a nanny government.
- Raw milk has a healthy history, in states where unlicensed sales are permitted.
- Testing for disease bacteria should be restricted to organisms that actually cause illness for human beings, which some do not.
- Doing more testing than is needed for human health is a waste of public monies. We also hear of over testing in health reform as a budget buster.
- Excessive regulation hurts the economy and especially the farmer. Farmers are then forced to sell for other uses, including suburban sprawl.

Your cooperation and assistance are appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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