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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Bureau of Food Safety Division of Milk Sanitation 2301 North Cameron Street Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110-9408 Attention: Paul Hoge

Dear Mr. Hoge,

My wife and I love Pennsylvania for the health and nourishment it has brought us over the past several years in the form of pasture-fed animal products especially raw milk and raw milk products. We have gladly given thousands of dollars in payment to our many beloved hard working and duly licensed Pennsylvania farmers. We are grateful to your department for maintaining strict standards but would hope that you review the logic behind testing raw milk for pathogens that have no known harmful effects on humans. Over the years, we have kept in touch with other families who have happily and healthily made raw milk and raw milk products from pastured animals a staple in their diets. We have never come across a single case of illness that arose from consuming raw milk or raw milk products.

We hope your department will continue to serve the best interests of its citizen-consumers, its many hard working raw milk farmers, and consumers like us in nearby states.

And please... if you have not done so already, introduce yourself and your family to the myriad health benefits of raw milk and raw milk products from pasture fed animals.

Respectfully yours,

Harvey J. Gardner, Ph.D.