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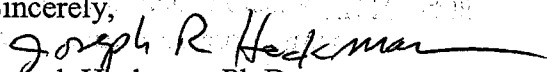
Be aware that out-of-state raw milk consumers are a boon to the Pennsylvania farm economy. I live in New Jersey where sales of raw milk are illegal. I drive to a farm in Pennsylvania every week to buy my raw milk. Thus, like many other raw milk consumers from out-of-state, we are concerned about the proposed PDA regulations.

In the case of direct on-farm sales between the producer and consumer, we do not need more regulation. Once the consumer and farmer develop a trusting relationship, a good measure of accountability is established that goes well beyond anything that could be created by government regulation.

I urge you to make any regulation fair and reasonable so as not to interfere with on-farm raw milk sales and consumer choice to drink raw milk. Regulations should consider the fact that raw milk may contain good bacteria and that not all bacteria cause disease. When testing of raw milk is performed, the focus should be on pathogens that can actually cause illness in people.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Sincerely,



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