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Dear Regulatory Review Commission:

I am writing to urge you to exempt all direct transactions from producer to consumer from your proposed new regulations with regard to raw milk. As a resident of Maryland, I regularly bring economic benefits to the PA farmers from whom I buy the wonderful products I enjoy today. Those products have been a boon to my health, contrary to the suggestion that unlicensed sales are dangerous to ones health.

I note that in the proposed rules, there is so much testing along with large amounts of paper work that is unnecessary, that most small farmers would be spending so much time and money, they might consider going out of business. I say unnecessary, because ^{not all} of what you are calling pathogens, cause any illness in humans. Also the threat of shutting down farmers for having over 10 coliforms etc. is not predictive of safe milk. Please note, I speak of small direct sales, not that intended for wide retail distribution.

Sincerely,

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