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Mr. Hoge,

Thank you for the extended time in which to comment on the proposed new milk sanitation regulations. I am a member of PASA and their comments and questions, already submitted, totally support my views.

I am a consumer of raw milk and raw milk products. I know many farmers who are engaged in the production and sale of raw milk. An extended time for comment on these rule changes and the convening of public comment sessions are both very important to engage these farmers in this rule-making process that affects them to such a great degree. Please consider these as constructive options.

The term "false and misleading" is very vague and needs much clearer definition. Otherwise it is leaving the door wide open for an individual with power and influence to exert their definition of this in any particular situation.

In general I think it is imperative for the PDA and its respective milk sanitation department personnel to do their job enforcing the regulations that have been written to protect the public health with a very strong sense of partnership and cooperation with the farmers in this state that produce the "life blood" of our citizens. These regulations should be worded and implemented with this intention of cooperating and supporting our farmers. In many places in these regulations the emphasis appears to be on the punitive consequences rather than on the accepted methods of production and conduct. The government is of the people, by the people and for the people. So let the regulations be such that they are FOR the people, the farmers while helping them to comply and provide a safe food supply, and the consuming public.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these issues:

Respectfully yours,

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