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

September 19, 2009

Dear Mr. Hoge:

I am the mother of an autistic child, and we follow a very strict diet that prohibits pasteurized milk products. I have been purchasing my family's raw milk supply from a farmer in Pennsylvania for several years, and have never had a problem. I urge PDA to make the following changes to the proposed regulations:

**Exempt direct transactions from the producer to the consumer from the regulations.**

1. Direct farm-to-consumer transactions in raw milk and other farm products have been a boon to the Pennsylvania economy. Improving access to raw milk will improve Pennsylvania's economy. I am a Maryland resident, but note that I bring money into the Pennsylvania economy by buying from Pennsylvania farmers.
2. Direct transactions between the producer and the consumer do not impact the "public's" health, safety or welfare and are purely private in nature. States that allow the unlicensed sale of raw milk direct from farmer to consumer have a good track record for food safety.

**Specify that the testing "for pathogens" should actually be testing for "pathogens that cause illness in humans".**

1. Not all "pathogens" cause illness in humans.
2. It is not reasonable to use state resources to test for things that don't cause illness in people and that therefore pose no public health threat.
3. Shutting down a farmer for something that poses no human health risk hurts the farmer, the consumers, and the local economy.

**Allow sale of raw milk in retail outlets such as grocery stores, etc.**

When I travel to California I can easily obtain the raw milk my family needs from Whole Foods and other retailers.

**For more info on the benefits of drinking raw milk** this article, close to 70 years old, details some of the major reasons why you and your family will thrive on raw milk rather than pasteurized deadened milk.:

<http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2003/03/26/pasteurized-milk-part-one.aspx>

Sincerely,

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