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Jim Thorpe, PA 18229  
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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**

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Dear Mr. Hoge,

I am writing regarding the proposed regulations concerning the sale of raw milk in PA. As a consumer who buys directly from a farmer who is licensed to sell raw milk I am all in favor of decreasing the regulations and standards the farmers are expected to meet. I have all the confidence in the world that since I buy from a local farmer who drinks the milk they raise they are more concerned about the standards that exist than a government agency could ever be. The more freedom that our state can give local farmers to do their jobs well the better off we will be. Any transactions that occur between the farmer I purchase from and myself are personal in nature and do not affect public health. Please do not keep our state hamstrung by old regulations based on old science. The more research that is done the more I am finding that pasteurized milk is a source of many health problems and I am grateful that I live in a state where I can legally buy raw milk. Please work to make that even easier to do for the sake of the health of our citizens and for the increase in local business. It will be better for our state all around.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Dages