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To whom it may concern:

Please preserve my right to eggs with the most beautiful orange yolks you have ever seen because the chicken eat grass full of beta carotene, chorophyl, and many other nutrients.

Please preserve my husband's right to be free of gas, bowel disturbances, and upset stomach. He cannot tolerate commercial dairy due to lactose intolerance, but has no symptoms eating this dairy, due to the beneficial enzymes and bacteria.

Please preserve my right as a breast-feeding mother to have the best nutrition I can have for my own vitality, and the best foundation to make my breastmilk.

Please preserve my child's right to have the healthiest system possible with strong teeth and bones, a healthy gut and glowing skin. Please lower his risk of many diseases that the homogenizing process encourages through altering the size of the fat particles and the grain-feeding practice encourages through increasing saturated fats and lowering omegas.

I urge PDA to make the following changes to the proposed regulations

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

-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 non-Pennsylvania residents, and I send money into the Pennsylvania economy by buying from Pennsylvania farmers.

-Direct transactions between the producer and the consumer are private in nature and do not impact the health, safety or welfare of the "public."

-The farmer and local consumer have a relationship that is more accountable than anything that could be created by government regulation. As a local customer, I know my food source, and the farmer has every incentive to produce a quality product so that he keeps his reputation and my business.

-States that allow the unlicensed sale of raw milk direct from farmer to consumer, such as Missouri and Nebraska, have a good track record for food safety.

2. The testing "for pathogens" should actually be testing "for pathogens that cause illness in humans"

-Many bacteria are called "pathogens," but not all of them cause illness in humans.

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-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.

-Shutting down a farmer for something that poses no human health risk hurts the farmer, the consumers, and the local economy.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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