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I currently am a consumer of milk produced by a small dairy in SE Ohio. It has been a treat for me a former farmer, and my family to have fresh milk from local dairys. I was amazed to find I could get milk with that fresh taste similar to when I was milking cows myself as a boy and young man. I have come to understand that policies are being considered to impose large fees on milk bottlers and creameries such that would jeopardize the small producers ability to remain in business. I wouldn't think that in this atmosphere of depression we are in the government would want to create policies with costs that would hinder small businesses or further burden our local farmers.

Thank you for your consideration
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