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Good afternoon. My name is Lantz Adams and I am 15 years old and in the 10th grade at Immanuel High School My father is a third generation dairy farmer and our dairy is in Laton California. I am writing to you because our dairy farm, like many others, is in dire financial straits and may not make it to a fourth generation. That thought makes me sick. As I think of my family's situation and understanding that USDA will make the final decision about how a California federal order will look, I have thought of several issues that you should consider.

1. Dairymen are going out of business due to low milk prices.
 - A. Many multi-generation family dairies are going out of business.
 - B. Over 90% of dairies, including our own, are family owned.
 - C. All of the earlier generations work is sacrificed, when a dairy exits the industry.

2. Dairies going out of business cause a negative impact on society.
 - A. Unemployed people become dependent on social programs.
 - B. When dairies go out of business it negatively affects allied industries.
 - C. After a loss of a dairy it can be catastrophic to the family structure.

3. Additional items regarding milk.
 - A. Dairy products from other countries could be of questionable quality. (I.e. melamine in Chinese baby formula.)
 - B. If less dairy products are getting produced prices may go up. This could result in a less healthy diet.
 - C. According to well-known expert Dr. Wendy Bazilian, author of The SuperFoods Rx Diet and co-owner of San Diego-based Bazilians Health Clinic, unlike most other "wellness" drinks, milk is naturally nutrient-rich and balanced with a unique proportion of carbs and protein-in addition to the bone-boosting calcium, phosphorous and vitamin D.

Finally, I understand the importance of having milk processors in the state of California but I also understand the necessity of having dairy families willing and able to profitably produce the milk to fill those plants. I know I'm only a kid but what I see in this industry is not good and is only getting worse.

Sincerely,

Lantz Adams