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Subject: Producer Handler exemption needed

Dear USDA Administrator:

I am a small dairy farmer producer handler in PA. Our family farm is one of about 20 left in Pennsylvania that still sell directly to consumers from our farm.

I am writing to request that the exemption for small farmers not to pay into the pool be continued. At our farm we have invested a great deal of money in equipment, assume all the product risk, hired additional employees to help in the plant and stores. We can not afford to pay into the pool. The current cap of 450,000 pounds of milk processed a month would allow my small dairy farm to continue without paying into the pool.

I appreciate your consideration and would be happy to discuss this issue with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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