NEWS RELEASE

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

MILK MARKETING BOARD

Tom Wolf, Governor Robert N. Barley, Chairman

Tim Moyer, Secretary James A. Van Blarcom, Member

Carol A. Hardbarger, Consumer Member

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: DOUG EBERLY

February 4, 2019 (717) 836-3115 FAX (717) 783-6492

PENNSYLVANIA MILK MARKETING BOARD

THANKS REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON FOR INTRODUCING

WHOLE MILK FOR HEALTHY KIDS ACT OF 2019

The Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board thanks Representative Glenn Thompson (R-PA) for introducing the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2019. The bipartisan legislation, co-introduced by Collin Peterson (D-MN), the Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, allows unflavored and flavored whole milk to be offered in school cafeterias.

During its current review of dairy market issues the Board has received several comments from Pennsylvania farmers and consumers supporting the reintroduction of whole milk to schools. These farmers and consumers recognize the health benefits of milk in the diets of students while noting that the current limited options for milk in schools seem to be adversely impacting children’s milk consumption.

“Representative Thompson has communicated his support for the Pennsylvania dairy industry to me and to other Board members for many months now. He committed to introducing legislation to permit whole milk in schools and I applaud his efforts in doing so,” remarked Consumer Member Carol Hardbarger. “We stand ready to provide whatever support we can for this important legislation.”

#####