Required Notice Language to Terminate Dealer-Producer Contracts, July 2 Hearing

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To: Board of Directors, PA Milk Marketing Board, c/o deberly@pa.gov;

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To whom it may concern: The Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board (PAMMB) was established to create **stability** in the **marketing of milk** and to give dairy farmers in Pennsylvania **a fair and equal opportunity to market their milk**.

In continuation of suggestions from the Hearing on May 2, 2018 and May 11, 2018, I propose the following statutory changes (aa) (aaa) *or something of similar context to alleviate this emotional and financial deficiency that is clearly creating an unfair and unequal instability in the marketing of their milk* be considered in this amendment to the Milk Market Law, 7 Pa. Code sec. 143.31.

143.31.

Written notice required.

(a) No dealer shall terminate his contract or purchasing agreement with a producer and no producer shall terminate his contract or selling agreement with a dealer except by giving such producer or dealer at least a [28-day] **90 day written notice** before termination. The dealer shall specify in such notice the reasons for termination and shall pay in full the producer whose contract has been terminated by the 20th day of the following month.

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(aa) Furthermore, said termination notice shall include a list of all registered cooperatives, processors, and dealer contacts currently accepting milk from PA or interested in accepting milk from PA and a list of agencies, organizations and individuals designated to help producers find another market.

(aaa) The dealer's inspector shall, with written request from the producer, assist and cooperate with the transition process to ensure that the producer's milk is picked up within 72 hours of the termination of the contract.

Sincerely,

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