

“Manufacturing Allowance”
Docket# AO-14-A74

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you with my comments on the Make Allowance. I own and operate a family farm within a 3-day walk of the capital. About all of our neighbors are commuters who work for the government or other big businesses. Over the last 25 years we have had to get more efficient if we were going to survive in the dairy business. So that's what we have done. For one example, we were given as a gift a new maglite flashlight that held 3 D batteries that showed a very bright light. You could have treed a coon with that beam of light. The problem was with the batteries. In my use, since I start early and finish late, it used about 12 D batteries a month. Being in the dairy business we couldn't afford that kind of luxury. So to stay in business we had to be efficient. We went back to our old lantern like Granddaddy used in the barn. Where he milked his 12 cows. It only takes about 2 gallons of kerosene a year, which is a lot cheaper than the 144 batteries a year.

This so called Make Allowance is for the processors to capture some of their operating loss, why aren't they as efficient as our farms have to be? Don't you think you have put the cart before the horse one more time? If you don't do something to help the farms that produce the rich and wholesome milk for the public, you damn sure don't need the processor because there won't be any milk.

So, I would like to change the name of the **Make Allowance** to **Make A Lot of Excuses**. The government bureaucrats that are in charge of this hearing should get the farmers vote and not except the block vote of the co-ops.

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