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My name is Randy Sowers, I am a dairy farmer from Middletown Md. I started farming in 1981. In 1981 cows cost \$800 fuel was \$.99 corn \$2.00/bu. I could hire help for \$200/Wk. service work on my equipment was \$15/hr. milk in the store was \$1.80/gal I got \$13.50/cwt which is \$1.16/gal. Today cows cost \$1500 fuel is \$2.20/gal. corn is \$4.30/bu. hired help is \$400/wk. service work on my equipment is \$65/hr. milk in stores is \$3.50/gal and I get \$13.50/gal. which is \$1.16/gal. Out of my \$1.16/gal. I pay to haul it to the manufacture plant, brokerage, and advertising. Over the last 25yr. I've had to become more efficient to cover my expenses I used to run up to date machinery. I bought a new car or truck sometimes. Now my machinery is old and worn and needs constant repair my cars and trucks are 1995 or older. My bills are pilling up. I here you are trying to take more money from me to help the processors. I find this totally beyond my ability to reason. In the 1920s&30s people were standing in line for food the govt. took action to prevent this from happening again. They wanted to garentee a cheap and plentyful supply of safe wholesome dairy products. To acomplish this knew they had to protect the dairy farmers. They did this with thr law under U.S. Code Subchapter 111 608c 18 the secretary of agriculture shall ascertain the parity prices of specified commodities. If and when the govt. inacts this law and we can cover our expenses which would include this manufactures allowance if it is our responsibility to subsidize them,

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