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Dear PUC Commissioners:

I am writing to you again today in regards to the proposed Net Metering ruling of your commissioners, concerning changes to the renewable energy portfolio that will affect our farm and operations.

I have been Brubaker Farms, of Mt Joy, PA for many years, and we have a large dairy farm and some broiler houses that we produce chickens for Tyson. We have a methane digester which we produce energy for our farm using the methane digester and a large solar system. We are producing a lot more energy than we use. Six years ago, the Governor was out on our farm and we discussed what we wanted to do, in which Governor Rendell thought it was a great idea. We built the digester because we have the manure to collect the methane from, without adding more cows. In the dairy business market prices go up and down, making renewable energy one of the greatest resources we have and can use. We have the methane resource and we have the sunshine for our large solar system operation, which we use for our chicken houses and dairy barn.

PUC and PPL have been great to work with, in the past, and I hope we can continue to work together to make more renewable energy for the future.

I am also a part of Governor Wolf DEP's Climate Advisory Committee and I believe by using these resources that we have available, it will benefit everybody.

Please do not make changes that would limit or affect agriculture for the continuing to make renewable energy, and the selling excess for a sustainable business. If we would not have the extra funds we get from selling the extra energy from our farm, it would be detrimental to our business to deal with the ups and downs in the agriculture market as well.

You may visit at a glance Brubaker Farms – at Luke Brubaker in Mt Joy, PA., where you'll see our mission is: Conservation/Food/Energy.

I am chairman for (PMMB) Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board, and as one who is also highly involved in some other entities/organizations which are in support of the of the sustainability of Agriculture in PA as such: (PDMPA) Professional Dairy Managers of PA / PA Agriculture/ Conservation District of Lancaster County / PA Farm Bureau / Penn AG / Lancaster County Ag Council.

Thank you for your consideration.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 717-525-6111 or 717-653-4923

Sincerely,

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