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My name is Matthew Barnett, 32 years old, and with a degree in marketing from Saint Francis University. I'm the son of a Pennsylvania Dairy Farmer. I'm currently in position to become majority owner of the dairy farm. To be truly honest I had no plans to run a dairy operation, because of the unstable income in the business. As the cards fell I had to make a choice to help my parent through this dairy crisis or watch a farm I work hard to help sustain fall apart. I'm writing on behalf of my family. We concern with large Coop controlling Dairy markets. I spent the last year researching the dairy market trying to find answers why the bottom fell out of the dairy market. It seem to me and other?s the strong hold of the Coop start in the early 1980?s. One stat that boggles my mind was that the United States is a milk deficient County. How is this possible? Consumer demand has actual increase; people didn?t stop buying dairy products. The Chinese however did, because of melamine tainted milk. The greater issue lies in the Imports? into the United States. I ask the question why An America Dairy Coop would have 12 import licenses. Not one, but 12????? Some imports are necessary, but some should never reach our shores. We as Americans need to know the quality of these imports and that a strong quota system is in place. We need to make sure these imports meet the same standers that the United State has in place on there own dairy farmers. Second, the United States need to make know where the imported dairy products come from.(origin) There are many issues to discuss with Dairy Industry. I will close with my concern with the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. From my understanding is that the CME only handle 17% of the milk production in The United States. Yet the CME set the price for most of all the milk that is sold to the Coops from the farms. Yet the CME can be manipulated by big money just as most markets can be. Do you really think the was a short of oil in 2008 that cause the \$150 barrel of oil or just a few big hedge funds push the market up?

Thank you for the opportunity for me to express my concerns.

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