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To Whom it may concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for giving the farmer the chance to decide if [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] First, you people cut our milk check by one third and now you want to make more deductions. Where did the money go you already took from us? When do we get a raise? Did you people get your paychecks cut too or did you just single out the farmer?

In March of 2006 the Farm Service Agency released a letter stating that a farmer can sign up for the Extended Milk Income Loss Contract Program. If we signed up for the program, we could receive thirty-four percent of the difference between 916.94 per hundred weight and the monthly domestic class I milk price. The 2002 Farm Bill originally set the payment rate factor at forty-five percent. Once again the farmer gets screwed.

More and more farmers are getting out because they can't make ends meet when their pay keeps getting cut. When are you people going to realize that with no farms you have no food.

Please stop cutting our pay. We have expenses and overhead too.

I would appreciate a response to my letter.

Sincerely,

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