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Dear Hearing Clerk,  
Greetings,

I am writing in regards to the referendum on Make Allowances. I received my package but did not vote because I did not understand what my vote would be doing. I would appreciate if you could keep it plain and simple if changes are to be made. Then I could vote with a clear conscience.

I am a Dairy farmer - 41 years old, Married - and 7 children ranging in ages 7 to 17. We are the 5th generation on my father's side to be on this operation. If changes are not made in favor of the Dairy Farmer I honestly cannot recommend Dairy Farming to my children as a way to make a decent living. I am not writing this trying to discourage anyone - just pleading for help.

I think it would be great if a system to price milk would be based on supply and demand = (Meaning United States Supply) Not Imports!

I also feel if USDA would appoint an individual to meet with Dairy farmers - say once a month - USDA would probably be greatly surprised at the information they could gather - concerning financial information - because it is hard to make my checkbook balance with enough money that I would like to pay all my bills.

Wishing you all God's Blessings,

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Yours Truly,

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