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March 12, 2018

Walmart  
702 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bentonville, PA 72716

Dear Walmart Leaders:

I am writing on behalf of the many hard-working dairy farmers in my 50<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District and throughout Pennsylvania, who are the heart and soul of our communities, our Commonwealth and our cherished agricultural heritage. They are also a key component of our local and state economy.

I join the many dairy farmers and elected officials who are upset and disappointed by your decision to build a production plant outside of Pennsylvania, causing Dean's Dairy to cancel contracts abruptly with local farmers. This decision gives farmers who have devoted their entire lives to their farms only 90 days to find a market for their milk. Frankly, this is life-altering, for these farmers who have spent their entire lives putting milk on our tables, caring for their animals and contributing to the industry and economy.

While I fully understand that this situation is complex –that competition is stiff in the marketplace, and that supplies are increasing while demand is decreasing. I also understand that you are building your own processing plant in Indiana. Respectfully, I feel compelled to bring to your attention the damage and hardship your decision has brought to Pennsylvania's farmers.

With this being said, I offer my assistance in seeking a mutually beneficial solution, as it is vital that we protect Pennsylvania's dairy industry, and the very communities that shop at your stores.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele Brooks".

Michele Brooks  
Senator, 50<sup>th</sup> District

cc: Hon. Russell Redding, Secretary of Agriculture