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Re: my food

Dear Mr. Sheehan:

I have read with great alarm of the search warrant executed on April 20, 2010 against Mr. Dan Allgyer, a dairy farmer in Pennsylvania, whom the FDA has accused of violating federal law for supposedly transporting raw dairy products in interstate commerce. I am writing this letter to tell you and the FDA to keep out of the affairs of private citizens and to leave fine farmers like Mr. Allgyer alone.

I am a citizen of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ and routinely drive to \_\_\_\_\_ to pick up my dairy foods and my meat. I also sometimes pick up vegetables and other food items from my farmer that is located in \_\_\_\_\_. I am comfortable with the way my farmer practices agriculture and I don't think that the FDA knows any better than I do on how to choose food that is safe for me and my family. I am willing to take the risk associated with obtaining food from my neighboring farmer and I don't think the FDA should have any say in that.

When I read internet articles and blogs about your agency's heavy handedness against Mr. Allgyer I shudder to think that it may happen to my farmer. Thus, I insist that you stay out of the affairs of private citizens who are ready, willing and able to purchase and obtain their foods directly from farmers who live in another State. The FDA should not have any business harassing, threatening or thwarting farmers who are making their agricultural products directly available to consumers.

Because of the FDA's inability to make our country's food supply system safe, it is all the more imperative that people like myself go directly to the farm and obtain our food. That is the only way to ensure that the food my family and I eat is safe.

I do not want to be treated like a ward of my government and I don't think that you or any other government bureaucrat knows any better than I do what foods I should or should not consume. The food I choose to eat is my choice, not yours or the government's. Therefore, stay out of my private business and go regulate the centralized food processors that are contaminating our nation's food supply.

Sincerely,

Name of consumer