



November 24, 2017

RE: comments on business

Dear Rep. Zimmerman,

We have a family farming operation based in Lititz Pennsylvania. Our children are the fourth generation farming the home farm in Lititz. My grandfather purchased the farm in 1948 and moved his family there to start a family farm.

Over the past few years we have grown a diversified farming operation from its roots as a small dairy and cattle farm. Today it includes various agricultural enterprises. Among those are an equestrian boarding, lesson, and training horse farm known as Flintrock Stables. We grow crops of corn and hay. We also raise organic chicken and antibiotic chickens. We have grown our poultry farm in Lititz to include four other poultry farms including farms in Maryland and Delaware. Today we raise about four million chickens per year and support numerous families as part of our team of employees.

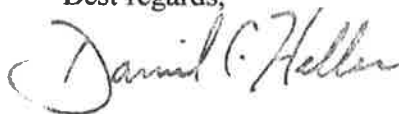
Additionally, our farming business has been the recipient of numerous regional and nation environmental awards. We have partnered with many organizations and Penn State University on various projects. We have also pioneered a manure to energy project that gasifies dry poultry litter creating heat to heat chicken houses.

One of the things that led us to consider farming in other states was the atmosphere for allowing for an agriculture friendly business environment. As we have built new poultry houses and expanded our farms, it is important to be in an environment that will encourage the opportunity for future growth.

In considering challenges for the future of our business, over reaching regulations are certainly high on the list. Balancing the many needs of managing around the clock livestock raising enterprises provide for many challenges and continual balancing of many objectives. Encountering health, weather, market, and business challenges allow for much to manage. It is important that our governing bodies do all they can to provide for a business friendly environment that does not create additional challenges and impede business growth and job growth. We have found Delaware and Maryland to be more streamlined in many of their regulations which allows efficient permitting and review processes.

Serving on boards of agricultural and conservation organizations, I realize the importance of having common sense regulations that serve a good purpose. But too often we find ourselves burdened with over reaching regulations that have minimal positive impacts and very significant detriments to businesses. We need to find more efficient methods and processes to accomplish sound practices yet still allow businesses to succeed. These regulatory burdens can become significant enough to drive business out of the area and prevent the business progress, job opportunities and economic development that we all desire for the commonwealth of Pennsylvania!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel C. Heller". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Best regards," text.

Daniel C. Heller
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