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I support these amendments to the Milk and Milk Products Regulations (18 AAC 32) only if they also allow herd shares to remain unaffected by the regulations. If a herd share farmer wants to provide more products to the general public, then the rules should be adjusted for each type of product made. We have been part of a herd share for a number of years now and have been grateful to the farmer and the herd. Being able to get raw milk from a farmer that we know and trust is beyond remarkable especially in Alaska. It is an option that I do not want to see made more complicated by additional regulations. I do understand that once products go retail in grocery stores the connection between the consumer and the farmer becomes less accessible and the safety of the product less discernible, therefore the need for more regulations. Thank you for opening this up for public comment.