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18 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAN BENITO COUNTY  
19 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

20	ORGANIC PASTURES DAIRY	)	Case No.: CU-07-00204
21	COMPANY, LLC, and	)	
22	CLARA VALE FARM, INC.,	)	
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24	Plaintiffs,	)	<b>PLAINTIFFS' REPLY TO</b>
25		)	<b>DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO</b>
26	v.	)	<b>ORDER FOR PRELIMINARY</b>
27		)	<b>INJUNCTION</b>
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	STATE OF CALIFORNIA and	)	
	A.G. KAWAMURA, Secretary of California	)	
	Department of Food and Agriculture,	)	
		)	
	Defendants.	)	
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29 Coliforms are used as an indicator of food “quality and not food “safety.” Food quality is  
30 regulated by the customer and their pocketbooks, i.e., the market. Food safety is regulated by the  
31 State of California. Because coliforms are an inappropriate measurement of food safety AB  
32 1735 is unconstitutional.

33 The testing data submitted by Plaintiffs in this case demonstrates that they cannot comply  
34 with the 10 coliform standard of AB 1735. The declarations of Mark McAfee and Ron  
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Garthwaite, Plaintiffs’ representatives, also demonstrates that Plaintiffs’ two business will be shut down because they cannot consistently comply with AB 1735’s coliform standard. These declarations remain rebutted.

Finally, the declarations submitted by Defendants in their Opposition papers are so replete with misstatements, falsities and inaccuracies that this Reply is not the appropriate forum to rebut them. This Reply will only briefly address those Declarations and Plaintiffs will present two witnesses who will provide sworn testimony in rebuttal to the Declarations.

**I. Plaintiffs will prevail on the merits of their claims.**

**A. Coliforms and “sanitation” are indicators of food quality, not food safety.**

As explained below, the rebutted testimony provided by Plaintiffs as well as the scientific literature of leading research institutions demonstrates conclusively that coliforms (or “sanitation” as the State prefers to call it) are an indicator of food quality, not food safety. In other words, coliforms indicate how soon a food product may spoil or how long it may remain on a grocery store shelf. Pathogens, instead, are an indicator that a food product is unsafe for consumption. Because the State does not have the authority to regulate the “quality” of foods consumed by humans, AB 1735’s coliform is inappropriate and it cannot be used to protect the public’s health.

**1. Dr. Beals’ testimony remains rebutted.**

With respect to the testimony in this case, Plaintiffs have submitted the Affidavit of Michigan physician Dr. Theodore Beals. In his affidavit, Dr. Beals makes two significant statements. First, Dr. Beals states at ¶17 “Although traditionally, coliforms may be an indicator of environmental contamination, the presence of coliforms is not an indicator of the presence of pathogens.” Dr. Beals also states at ¶20 that “The purpose of the coliform test is not to detect the presence of pathogens that cause illness to humans.” Thus, when it comes to ensuring the safety of food products, coliforms do not serve that need. Dr. Beals then concludes at ¶¶ 32-34 that AB 1735’s coliform is not related to any legitimate governmental interest, does not protect the public’s safety, and is arbitrary.

1           None of the declarations submitted by the State dispute this assertion. In fact, nowhere in  
2 any of their papers, declarations or exhibits in support of their declarations does the State dispute  
3 these two assertions: that there is no correlation between the presence of coliforms and the  
4 presence of pathogens, and that pathogens, not coliforms, cause human illness. Thus, this Court  
5 has un rebutted testimony that coliforms cannot be used to indicate the presence of pathogens  
6 which cause illness in humans. Therefore, AB 1735’s use of a coliform standard does not ensure  
7 the public’s health or safety.

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9           **2. Educational research institutions agree that coliforms indicate food  
10 “quality” and should not be used as an indicator of food “safety.”**

11           Not only is there un rebutted testimony that AB 1735’s standard does not ensure the  
12 public’s safety, university research institutions have also come to the conclusion that coliforms  
13 are an indicator of product quality, not product safety. Specifically, Cornell University has  
14 stated (Exhibit I to the Affidavit of David G. Cox in Reply to Defendants’ Opposition to Order  
15 for Preliminary Injunction) “the detection of coliforms in milk will indicate the potential for a  
16 shortened shelf-life due to concurrent contamination with psychotrophic bacteria.” Cornell also  
17 states (Exhibit J to the Cox affidavit) that “One of the most common applications of coliform  
18 bacteria as indicator organisms is in their association with hygienic conditions and overall  
19 quality, especially concerning heat processed foods.”

20           Perhaps most compelling is the statement from the University of California-Davis, that  
21 coliforms should not even be used as an indicator of food safety. (Exhibit P to Cox Affidavit.).  
22 “Whether talking about Good Agricultural Practices or TMDL's (Total Maximum Daily Loads)  
23 in ag-runoff water, developing fruit and vegetable microbial standards, food safety management  
24 and certification plans, or setting regional water policy, basing decisions on total numbers of  
25 'Coliform' bacteria or 'Fecal Coliforms' is not supported by current science.” This is perhaps the  
26 clearest statement that using a coliform standard does not protect the public’s health.  
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2 **3. Even Governments recognize that coliforms do not ensure food safety.**

3 In addition to the un rebutted testimony of Plaintiffs' expert and the research performed  
4 by leading educational institutions, government itself is beginning to discard the use of coliforms  
5 as a measure of food safety. For example, in November 2007 the Food and Drug Administration  
6 has adopted a "Food Protection Plan" that relies on the techniques of a Hazard Analysis Critical  
7 Control Point (HAACP) to ensure the safety of the meats produced by the meat processing  
8 industry. (Exhibit H to Cox Affidavit). Nowhere in FDA's Food Protection Plan does there  
9 appear a coliform standard to ensure the safety of food. Rather, the provisions of a HAACP for  
10 each meat processor will be relied on to ensure safety.

11 The United States government is not the only government that is moving toward a  
12 HAACP approach rather than a coliform approach to ensure food safety. For example, the  
13 European Parliament (Exhibit G to Cox Affidavit) does not even use coliforms to ensure food  
14 safety. Canada also does not use a coliform standard to ensure food safety for whole milk and  
15 cheeses. (Exhibit B to Cox Affidavit). Instead, Canada uses a pathogenic criteria for cheese  
16 (Exhibit B, Section B.08.048) and either aerobic bacteria or sediment (Section B.08.024) for  
17 milk that will be manufactured into dairy products. Clearly, science has progressed to the point  
18 that food safety is ensured by controlling the critical points in the food production process where  
19 human pathogens can be introduced.

20 Food safety is no longer ensured by using a coliform standard, which is more of an  
21 indicator of food quality not safety. If this means that "every single public health standard that  
22 we have developed as a nation over the last century has been on the wrong track" as Dr. Stephen  
23 Beam testified at his deposition, then that is true. See Deposition transcript of Dr. Stephen  
24 Beam, Vol. II, April 21, 2008, pg. 25, lines 13-15. Coliforms are inappropriate to measure food  
25 safety. Rather, either HAACP's or pathogenic testing should be used to ensure food safety.

26 Consequently, Plaintiffs' will likely prevail on the merits of their claims because there is  
27 no relationship between AB 1735's use of a coliform standard and food safety.  
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1           **B.       The California Constitution recognizes that running a business is an**  
2                           **inalienable right.**

3           Defendants allege at page 7 of their Opposition that “plaintiffs have failed to present any  
4 cases holding that the right to run a dairy or processing plant is a fundamental right.” That is not  
5 true. Plaintiffs will present their argument *verbatim* from their Points and Authorities.

6           Cal Const., Art. I § 1 refers to inalienable rights, and provides as follows: “All people are  
7 by nature free and independent and have inalienable rights. Among these are enjoying and  
8 defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and pursuing and  
9 obtaining safety, happiness, and privacy.” As stated by the Supreme Court of California, a  
10 “legion of cases establishes and enforces the entrepreneur's property right of access to, and  
11 expectancy of customers.” *Crittenden v. Superior Court of Mendocino County* (Cal. 1964), 61  
12 Cal. 2d 565, 568. See also *McKay Jewelers, Inc. v. Bowron* (Cal. 1942) 19 Cal.2d 595; *State*  
13 *Board of Dry Cleaners v. Thrift-D-Lux Cleaners, Inc.* (Cal. 1953), 40 Cal. 2d 436, 441; *Guillory*  
14 *v. Godfrey* (Cal. 1955) 134 Cal.App.2d 628; *Uptown Enterprises v. Strand* (Cal. 1961) 195  
15 Cal.App.2d 45, 50-51 (“Everyone has the right to establish and conduct a lawful business and is  
16 entitled to the protection of organized society, through its courts, whenever that right is  
17 unlawfully invaded.”).

18           This *verbatim* argument demonstrates that although the United States Constitution may  
19 not recognize the running of a business as a “fundamental” right, the California Constitution  
20 does. Thus, *Crittenden* recognizes that an entrepreneur has a “property right of access to, and  
21 expectancy of customers.” Because that right is in the form of property, it is a fundamental  
22 property right recognized by the California Constitution. Therefore, the right to property is an  
23 inalienable right in the State of California, and the cases cited by Plaintiffs interpret this to  
24 include having access to and expecting customers for their business.

25           Defendant attempts to downplay the significance of these cases by stating on page 7 they  
26 “are inapposite.” Defendant then goes on to state that these cases deal with “interpretation of a  
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1 statute” or “free speech” protections or “interference” with a business or “trespass” onto a  
2 business. Those are Defendants’ characterizations, not the cases cited.

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4 Indeed, *McKay Jewelers, Inc. v. Bowron* (Cal. 1942), 19 Cal. 2d 595, 600 stated “A  
5 business may be inherently lawful and still subject to police regulation, but when such lawful  
6 business is regulated, it is a judicial question whether the law or ordinance is a lawful exercise of  
7 the police power.” *State Board of Dry Cleaners v. Thrift-D-Lux Cleaners, Inc.* (Cal. 1953), 40  
8 Cal. 2d 436, 441 stated that the legislature cannot “under the guise of providing for this  
9 component of the police power, impose unnecessary and unreasonable restrictions upon the  
10 pursuit of these useful activities. If a statute has no real or substantial relation to any legitimate  
11 police power objective, it is the duty of the court to so declare.” In neither case did the courts  
12 rely on the “rational basis” test to strike down the statute or ordinance in question. Instead, they  
13 ruled that a person has the right to engage in a business and that government cannot interfere  
14 with that business as long as the business is legal.

15 In the alternative, and as explained above, even if AB 1735 is analyzed under a rational  
16 basis test, it must fail because coliforms are an indicator of food quality, and the state does not  
17 regulate quality. The market place and customers with their pocketbooks regulate food quality.

18 In any event, AB 1735 is unconstitutional.

19 **II. Balancing the equities in this case favors the Plaintiffs.**

20 Beginning on page 9 of their Opposition, Defendants argue that Plaintiffs “have  
21 substantially met the new coliform standards since the beginning of the year.” While that may  
22 be true, inevitably they will continually fail and go out of business. Moreover, each time they  
23 receive a degrade from CDFA they will lose money.

24 As the test data of Claravale Farm Inc. make clear, Claravale would have failed AB  
25 1735’s standard nearly 100% of the time. See Attachment A to Declaration of Ron Garthwaite  
26 Regarding Test Data in Support of Temporary Restraining Order. For Claravale, then, it is only  
27 a matter of time before they go out of business because they cannot meet the standard. For  
28 Organic Pastures, they have already been degraded once this year for their cream. Both Mark

1 McAfee and Ron Garthwaite have testified that their production is geared for raw milk, not  
2 pasteurized milk, and that they will go out of business because they cannot consistently comply  
3 with AB 1735’s coliform limit. Their testimony is un rebutted by any of the declarations  
4 submitted by the Defendants.

5 Defendants argue on page 10 that raw milk “industries in other states operate \* \* \* under  
6 a 10 coliform limit.” That is completely irrelevant to the issue of whether AB 1735 is  
7 constitutional and whether these individual Plaintiffs will be or are harmed by AB 1735.  
8 Moreover, Defendants have presented no evidence from any state other than Washington on  
9 what the compliance record of those other raw milk dairies in those other states are.  
10 Consequently, this argument lacks merit.

11 However, the dairy industry and various extension offices suggest that if a coliform limit  
12 should be used at all, it should be measured in the bulk tank and that coliforms of up to 50 or  
13 even 100 are acceptable. For instance, Virginia recommends less than 100 (Cox Affidavit,  
14 Exhibit K, pg. 2); UC – Davis recommends anywhere from 10 to 50 coliform (Cox Affidavit,  
15 Exhibit L, pg. 918); and Cornell states that coliform counts have to go above 50 before it  
16 indicates poor hygiene (Cox Affidavit, Exhibit O, pg. 2). Consequently, AB 1735’s standard is  
17 out of line with what other states have required.

18 Consequently, Plaintiffs’ own testing data and their own sworn testimony is the best  
19 evidence that they will be going out of business soon if AB 1735’s standard is allowed to stand.

20 **III. The basis upon which AB 1735 was passed is flawed.**

21 As Plaintiffs stated in their Points and Authorities, a party who challenges the  
22 constitutionality of a statute “must convince the court that the legislative facts on which the  
23 classification is apparently based could not reasonably be conceived to be true by the  
24 governmental decisionmaker.” *Vance v. Bradley*, 440 U.S. 93, 111 (U.S. 1979) (Attachment B  
25 to Points and Authorities). See also: *N.Y. State Club Ass’n v. City of New York*, 487 U.S. 1, 17  
26 (U.S. 1988) (“In a case such as this, the plaintiff can carry this burden by submitting evidence to  
27 show that the asserted grounds for the legislative classification lack any reasonable support in  
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1 fact, but this burden is nonetheless a considerable one.”) (Attachment C to Points and  
2 Authorities). These cases were not addressed by Defendant. Thus, the argument made by  
3 Plaintiffs in their Points and Authorities is well taken.

4 In brief, Plaintiffs’ argument is as follows: (1) the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance, the  
5 National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments, and other federal guidelines do not apply to  
6 raw milk for human consumption; and (2) no outbreaks of *E. coli* O157:H7 have ever been  
7 caused by OPDC. Thus, the foundation upon which AB 1735 was passed was not true.

8 When the sponsor of AB 1735, Assemblymember Nicole Parra, realized the untruths of  
9 CDFA she initiated efforts at repealing AB 1735. Her efforts resulted in a January 16, 2008  
10 legislative hearing before the Assembly Agriculture Committee that led to the introduction of  
11 AB 1604. See Declarations of Timothy Ibbeson and Lynne Covington and copy of transcript  
12 attached thereto. During testimony at the hearing, Assemblymember Parra made statements that  
13 AB 1604 was necessary “to right a wrong,” that CDFA knew AB 1735 would be “very  
14 controversial” yet provided no opposition analysis, that her trust in CDFA “is tainted,” that  
15 CDFA “purposefully omitted that there would be opposition,” and that the legislature “never got  
16 that opportunity to debate the policy” behind AB 1735.

17 The co-sponsor of AB 1604, Assemblymember Michael Villines, also testified on  
18 January 16th before the Agriculture Committee. Assemblymember Villines stated that AB 1604  
19 was “about giving people their voice back,” and that just to “take something away that some  
20 people believe passionately and without giving them a voice is not what government is about.”  
21 Assemblymember Villines also stated that “we should have a hearing and see about more of the  
22 science” behind a coliform limit and that with respect to the science behind food safety the  
23 legislature “should have heard that first time in committee. There’s data on both sides.”

24 In the end, AB 1604 was introduced on an urgency basis.

25 It defies credulity for the State to argue on page 12 of its Opposition that the “facts  
26 behind the passing of AB 1735 are completely irrelevant.” For the State to argue this if for the  
27 State to argue that its elected leaders have the power to ignore their constituents. That is not the  
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1 basis of government this County, and this State, have adopted. As the United States Supreme  
2 Court has stated, a party challenging the constitutionality of a statute has the right to show that  
3 "the legislative facts on which the classification is apparently based could not reasonably be  
4 conceived to be true by the governmental decisionmaker." *Vance v. Bradley*, 440 U.S. 93, 111  
5 (U.S. 1979).

6 Plaintiffs were denied this right during the legislative hearings that led to the enactment  
7 of AB 1735. They should not be denied this right by this Court.

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9 **IV. The Declarations submitted by Defendants are full of falsities, inaccuracies and**  
10 **misstatements.**

11 None of the Declarations submitted by the State rebut the testimony of Dr. Ted Beals that  
12 there is no relation between the presence of coliforms and the presence of pathogens, that  
13 coliforms do not cause illness, or that coliforms cannot be used to detect the presence of  
14 pathogens. Instead, the Declarations submitted by the State attempt to create the impression that  
15 milk that is not pasteurized is unsafe for consumption, that milk must be free of bacteria in order  
16 to be safe for consumption, and that pathogen testing is either not effective or not available. All  
17 of these themes are incorrect and not supported by science and will be dealt with in detail at the  
18 hearing scheduled in this matter for April 25, 2008.

19 In the meantime, this Reply will briefly deal with each of the declarations in turn:

20 **Stephen Beam**

21 Dr. Beam was deposed on April 8<sup>th</sup> (transcript Vol. 1) and April 21<sup>st</sup> (transcript Vol. 2).

22 During those depositions, Dr. Beam admitted the following:

- 23 - he is not an expert at microbiology, epidemiology, or pathology (Vol. 1, pgs. 7-8);  
24 - he has never testified as an expert witness (Vol. 1, pg. 8);  
25 - most coliforms in the environment are not harmful and he does not know anything  
26 about the immunological effects of consuming raw milk (Vol. 1, pg. 12);  
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- he has never read any scientific literature that suggests consuming raw milk can improve a person’s immune system (Vol. 1, pg. 13);
- the 10 coliform standard of AB 1735 does not ensure safety but measures “sanitary conditions,” ensuring safety is different from meeting sanitary conditions, and food safety can never be guaranteed (Vol. 1, pg. 18);
- not all E. coli is bad for human health (Vol. 1, pg. 23);
- he would not call safe either a raw milk product that had no pathogens in it or another raw milk product that had nine coliforms in it (Vol. 1, pg. 23-24);
- he would not call safe either a raw milk product that had no pathogens in it or another raw milk product that had 11 coliforms in it (Vol. 1, pg. 26);
- if a food product met all of the existing regulations that were in place, he would not have any problem with the safety of the food product (Vol. 1, pg. 29);
- safety in food products can never be guaranteed (Vol. 1, pg. 31);
- the 10 coliform limit in AB 1735 was borrowed from the pasteurized milk standard (Vol. 1, pg. 33);
- most food processing facilities today use a HACCP as a tool to improve food safety (Vol. 1, pg. 33);
- no statistical analysis was performed on raw milk bulk tank samples not intended for pasteurization (Vol. 1, pg. 34);
- the 10 coliform standard under the PMO and the NCIMS was developed because pasteurization is supposed to kill all bacteria in milk (Vol. 1, pg. 34-35);
- he does not know whether a raw dairy product that 100 coliform in it would be either safe or would cause illness in humans (Vol. 1, pg. 36-37);
- the concept of AB 1735’s coliform limit originated from his Department and it originated with him (Vol. 1, pg. 39);
- he had contact with the representative of the Agriculture Committee on the status of CDFA’s proposed legislation as late as February 2007 (Vol. 1, pg. 41);

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- raw market milk that has 1,000 coliforms in it can be used to make butter or cream (Vol. 2, pgs. 64-65);
- it is good for a food product to have organisms in it that inhibit the survivability of pathogens (Vol. 2, pg. 67);
- he is not aware that *Listeria monocytogenes* is killed in raw milk after 56 hours (Vol. 2, pg. 67);
- he is not familiar with how Plaintiffs price their products, whether that is whole milk, cream or butter (Vol. 2, pgs, 71-72);
- CDFA does not test milk that is intended for pasteurization for the presence of pathogens (Vol. 2, pgs. 73-74);
- prior to AB 1735, raw milk was not subjected to a 10 coliform standard (Vol. 2, pg. 74);
- coliforms are an indicator of food quality in terms of shelf life, spoilage and flavor (Vol. 2, pg. 77);
- there is no particular coliform number that speaks for the safety of a food product because you need to test that product for the presence of pathogens to be sure (Vol. 2, pg. 78);
- a coliform standard is different than a fecal coliform standard (Vol. 2, pg. 79);
- a coliform test would not be able to determine whether any of the coliforms that are present were fecal coliforms (Vol. 2, pg. 80);
- his statement at paragraph 16 of his Declaration that “cleaner milk is safer milk” is “dogma” and is “consistent with the dogma of the public health community for the last 100 years” (Vol. 2, pgs. 83-84);
- he would not be able to tell from a coliform test whether a food product that had 1,500 coliforms in it or even 1,000 coliforms in it would have any pathogens in it (Vol. 2, pgs. 84-85);

- 1 - even after it is pasteurized, CDFA does not test pasteurized milk for pathogens  
2 (Vol. 2, pg. 87);  
3 - he is unable to say at what level milk must be “dirty” before it is unsafe for  
4 consumption (Vol. 2, pg. 88);  
5 - he agrees that the standards under the PMO, the standards under Title 21 of the  
6 Code of Federal Regulations and the regulations adopted by USDA do not  
7 directly apply to the consumption of raw milk (Vol. 2, pgs. 89-91);  
8 - the State did not conduct any statistical analysis of raw milk intended for  
9 pasteurization prior to the enactment of AB 1735 (Vol. 2, pg. 96).

10 These admissions demonstrate that there is no correlation between “sanitary” conditions  
11 and “safety.” They also demonstrate that there is no way a coliform limit can quantify safety.

12 **Richard Breitmeyer**

13 Questions raised by Dr. Breitmeyer’s Declaration, assuming he does not attend the April  
14 25<sup>th</sup> hearing, include the following:

15 ¶¶2,3 if coliforms are not normally in the milk of a cow, then how can there be harmful  
16 pathogens in the cow since pathogens are coliforms?

17 ¶4 does Dr. Breitmeyer know how Plaintiffs’ milk their cows?

18 ¶5 does Dr. Breitmeyer know that raw milk kills listeria monocytogenes in 56 hours?

19 ¶9 does Dr. Breitmeyer know that the report he relies on (Exhibit D) states on page 5  
20 that “The outbreak strain of *E.coli* 0157:H7 [found in the children] was not found in any  
21 environmental or product samples [of Organic Pastures]” and on page 6 that the fecal “patterns  
22 of these isolates [obtained from Organic Pastures] differed from the outbreak patterns [of the  
23 children]” and also on page 6 that “the PFGE patterns of these isolates did not match that of the  
24 children.”?

25 **Michael Allen Payne**

26 This Declaration makes the most false statements and misstatements of all the  
27 Declarations provided by Defendants. It is apparent from the emails to and from CDFA and the  
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1 FDA that Mr. Payne was being fed information by the FDA and that he does not have personal  
2 knowledge of the statements made in his declaration. See Exhibit Q to Cox Affidavit. Also,  
3 testimony at the April 25<sup>th</sup> hearing will show that Mr. Payne is biased and prejudiced. Suffice it  
4 to say at this time, the Affidavit of Sally Fallon contains a rebuttal to the allegations of Mr.  
5 Payne.

6 **Linda Harris**

7 Dr. Harris does not have any experience in the dairy industry. Instead, Dr. Harris is a  
8 fruit and vegetable person. The statements in paragraphs 5 and 6 of Dr. Harris' Declaration are  
9 completely wrong, not supported by science, and are contradicted by the UC-Davis article  
10 attached as Exhibit P to the Cox Affidavit. In addition, testimony at the April 25<sup>th</sup> hearing will  
11 demonstrate that Dr. Harris believes a pathogen test in conjunction with a HACCP is a better  
12 indicator of food safety than is a coliform standard.

13 **Hailu Kinde**

14 The statements made by Dr. Kinde in his Declaration will be rebutted at the April 25<sup>th</sup>  
15 hearing.

16 **Duc Vugia**

17 This Declaration does not mention either of the Plaintiffs by name. Therefore, it is  
18 completely irrelevant to this case.

19 Moreover, the allegations contained in this Declaration do not have anything to do with  
20 whether AB 1735 is constitutional. The import of this Declaration is apparently to suggest that  
21 food borne outbreaks associated with the consumption of raw dairy products needs to be  
22 regulated in the State of California. That goes without saying.

23 Plaintiffs are not arguing that the raw dairy industry in California should not be regulated.  
24 Instead, Plaintiffs are challenging the manner in which their industry is being regulated. These  
25 are two entirely different situations. Consequently, the Declaration of Dr. Vugia is nothing more  
26 than prejudicial to Plaintiffs and its probative value is outweighed by its prejudicial effect.

27 Therefore, Plaintiffs will orally move the Court on April 25th to strike this Declaration.  
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1 **V. Conclusion**

2 Plaintiffs have demonstrated that there is no relation between the use of a coliform  
3 standard and the public's health or safety. Therefore, whether a strict scrutiny test or a rational  
4 basis test is used, AB 1735 is unconstitutional.

5 Plaintiffs have un rebutted testimony that they cannot consistently meet the coliform  
6 standard of AB 1735. In addition, the State's own testing data from 2006 and 2007 demonstrates  
7 that they cannot consistently meet the coliform standard of AB 1735.

8 What is most problematical in this case is that the people were not heard on this issue  
9 when AB 1735 was enacted. The people's voice was taken away from them and this violates our  
10 democratic form of government. Responsible legislators are attempting to correct this wrong,  
11 and it is clear that had the real facts been know to the legislature at the time, AB 1735 would  
12 have never become law.

13 For these reasons, the Court should issue a preliminary injunction until a trial is held in  
14 this matter.

15 Date: April 23, 2008

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1 **PROOF OF SERVICE**

2 I am employed in the County of Franklin, State of Ohio. I am over the age of eighteen years and  
3 not a party to the within action. My business address is Two Miranova Place, Suite 500, Columbus, Ohio,  
43215-7052. On the date set forth below, I caused the following document(s) entitled:

4 **PLAINTIFFS' REPLY TO DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO ORDER FOR PRELIMINARY**  
5 **INJUNCTION**

6 to be served on the party(ies) or its (their) attorney(s) of record in this action listed below by the following  
7 means:

8	<b>BY MAIL.</b> By placing each envelope (with postage affixed thereto) in the U.S. Mail at the law offices of Lane, Alton & Horst, LLC, Two Miranova Place, Suite, Columbus, OH 43215-7052, addressed as shown below. I am readily familiar with this firm's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the U.S. Postal Service, and in the ordinary course of business, correspondence would be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service the same day it was placed for collection and processing.
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10	<b>BY HAND-DELIVERY.</b> By causing a true copy thereof, enclosed in a sealed envelope, to be delivered by hand to the address(es) shown below.
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12	XX <b>BY OVERNIGHT DELIVERY.</b> By placing with an overnight mail company for delivery a true copy thereof, enclosed in a sealed envelope, with delivery charges to be billed to Lane, Alton & Horst, addressed as shown below.
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14	<b>BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION.</b> By transmitting a true copy thereof by facsimile transmission from facsimile number (614) 228-0146 to the interested party(ies) or their attorney(s) of record to said action at the facsimile number(s) shown below.
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16	XX <b>BY ELECTRONIC MAIL.</b> By transmitting a true copy thereof by electronic mail from e-mail address <u><a href="mailto:dcox@lanealton.com">dcox@lanealton.com</a></u> to the interested party(ies) or their attorney(s) of record to said action at the electronic mail address(es) shown below
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26 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Ohio that the foregoing is true and correct.

27 Executed on April 23, 2008 at Columbus, Ohio.

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David G. Cox