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## **HAND DELIVERED**

The Honorable Allan Egolf  
Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
401 Irvis Office Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020

Dear Representative Egolf:

I am writing to you on behalf of the over 34,000 rural and farm family members of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau to urge your support of House Bill 1809, Printer's Number 4083, which is scheduled for a vote on concurrence on the House floor the week of June 21st. House Bill 1809, introduced by Representative Allan Egolf, was unanimously passed by the House last December and amended in the Senate for final passage by unanimous vote last week. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau continues to support the amended version of House Bill 1809.

House Bill 1809 would create a program in the Department of Agriculture to provide education, training and certification of commercial manure haulers and brokers, and require haulers and brokers to be certified in order to handle and land-apply manure received from farms. Commercial haulers and brokers would also be required to develop nutrient balance sheets for each land that receives manure and to make and keep records of manure handled and land-applied. The bill will also impose requirements on concentrated animal operations and concentrated animal feeding operations that export manure from their farms or use a manure hauler or broker to export manure.

Regulation of commercial manure haulers and brokers will better ensure that the standards of environmental quality that farms must and do meet under the Nutrient Management Act will be sustained throughout the manure disposal system. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau supports the regulatory standards that House Bill 1809 would establish for commercial manure haulers and brokers and farms using haulers and brokers.

House Bill 1809 will also provide uniformity in the administration, handling and transportation of manure, which is a feature that Farm Bureau believes is essential to the future welfare of agriculture in the commonwealth. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Joel Rotz, Director  
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June 20, 2003

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Dear Representative Egolf:

Jay Howes, Director of Policy, House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee asked me to provide comments on the proposed bill titled *Commercial Manure Hauler and Broker Certification Act*. After reviewing the proposed bill, I think the bill is a good idea. For the past two years, our sow units have required all commercial manure haulers or brokers to complete the Penn State University Manure Certification Program before hauling manure.

Requiring commercial manure haulers and brokers to receive training on the proper handling and utilizing of manure is simply good business. As a company we support this piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Ruth  
President

Cc: Jay Howes

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June 3, 2003

TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Allan Egolf *ah*

SUBJECT: Cosponsorship – Commercial Manure Hauler & Broker Certification Program

For some time I have had concern that current law does not adequately address the issue of manure that is generated on one farm and subsequently exported to another operation for land application. It has become clear from meetings held in my district that changes are needed concerning operations where such export is necessary in order to comply with the Nutrient Management Act.

Therefore, I am proposing legislation to clarify the responsibilities of all parties, including the generator and any commercial transporters, applicators or "brokers" **and to establish a manure hauler and broker certification program.**

If you wish to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Teri Root by Groupwise or by e-mail at [troot@pahousegop.com](mailto:troot@pahousegop.com) or call 3-1593.