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Allegany County Industrial Development Agency
Crossroads Commerce & Conference Center
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Belmont, New York 14813

To the Chairperson and Members of the Board:

Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) is reaching out in support of Great Lakes Cheese construction of a new 486,000 square-foot cheese manufacturing and conversion facility and an accompanying 50,000 square-foot wastewater treatment facility in Allegany County, NY. The new facility would increase dairy processing capacity, which would have a beneficial ripple effect on dairy farms in the county and the wider region.

DFA is a farmer-owned cooperative that is made up of more than 13,000 dedicated family farms across the country with over 1,200 of those farms in New York State. This new facility will help ensure the long-term viability of the dairy industry in New York State in addition to the multiple economic benefits to the region, including job creation.

There is a strong business relationship between DFA and GLC that has been in place for more than 30 years and we are pleased that GLC will continue to invest in new milk processing capacity. This will help create stability for the dairy industry in New York State and beyond.

Sincerely,



Brad Keating
Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Northeast Area

