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From: Nicole Damick [ndamick@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 8:07 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Pending regulation on milk sanitation, specifically as deals with raw milk (#2777)

I'm writing to voice both my concern and hope regarding this legislation. I am a mother and our family of four gets by on about \$40K a year. It's not a lot, but we're fortunate to have affordable local and organic food available to us. One of the most important to our family is raw milk. We use about 5-6 gallons a week at \$6/gallon (drinking some and making yogurt and other cultured products with the rest.) My concern about the language of this bill that would require separate additional rooms for things like cheese and milk bottle capping is that this would raise the price of milk for us... without doing all that much to add to safety. I know when I buy raw milk that I am taking personal responsibility for the risk of contamination. That's why I go to the farm and check over his operation myself. Please choose the wording of your legislation carefully and only add language that will truly help the consumer and the farmer conduct safe and honest business. Healthy milk should be affordable to all.

I also wanted to thank you for what seems to be language that seems to allow for raw dairy permit holders to sell their milk off farm. I currently drive 45 minutes to get my raw milk, even though a local co-op carries the same farm's cheese! The savings in time for my family and gas would be wonderful!!

Sincerely,
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