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Independent Regulatory Review Commission

A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Allen

Last Name: Hahn

Company:

Email: isolatedibis@yahoo.com

Subject: Regulating Right to Obtain Raw Milk

Message:

My name is Allen Hahn and I am a raw milk consumer. I am a native of Pennsylvania and was raised in a small town in Northwest PA where my family was easily able to obtain raw milk from local producers. I still drink raw milk. I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I hold a college degree and consider myself to be an intelligent, informed, and discriminating consumer, thus, I do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. If they provide an unsatisfactory product or fail to appropriately correct a problem they will be unable to remain in business. At the local level, State regulation does not and cannot provide a higher level policing; every consumer polices his or her supplier with our checkbook, a most effective manner of enforcement. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather large corporations permitted to operate by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct or, from my knowledge, meaningful recourse if there is a problem. Focus the regulation on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves a desired result. How that result is achieved is the producers' responsibility, not the State's. That would result in the State's role being to test for compliance, a function that could easily be contracted out, rather than inserting itself in micromanaging the operation. Again, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. I implore you, therefore, to reject this proposed regulation and listen to what people such as myself are saying to you. Thank you.