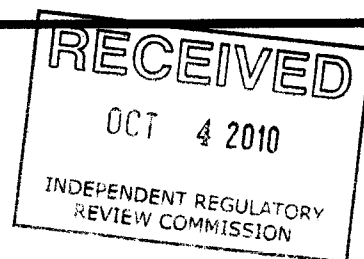


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From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 11:51 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: FW: IRRC Website - New Message



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Independent Regulatory Review Commission

A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Andrew

Last Name: Ward

Company:

Email: theantistatist@gmail.com

Subject: No more regulation of small farmers

Message:

My name is Andrew Ward, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am a competent consumer and 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 I can assure you that they will be out of business. This type of local, direct market regulation cannot be effectively supplanted by State regulation. Where we actually need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on THOSE operations, not operations by small time farmers and raw milk consumed by private co-ops. I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in many cases onerous and unnecessary. These major flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected. Thank you for your time.