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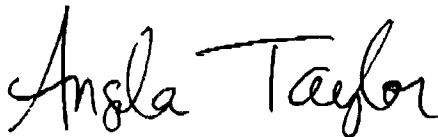
I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor. In fact I am worried that new difficult regulations will put my local farmer out of business, and I prefer to buy LOCAL, raw milk, direct from the farmer.

Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather large corporations. 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 LARGE operations.

Obviously some regulations on large operations are necessary, but 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. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be REJECTED, as it is flawed.

Sincerely,



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