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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Anne

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Subject: Milk Sanitation Regulations

Message:

My name is Anne Wright. I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I object to the proposed legislation as it is currently written as its requirements for producers of raw milk would place an unacceptable burden on small-scale farmers. I believe that it is important for consumers to have the opportunity to build personal relationships with a farmer, develop trust in their values and practices, and understand how their animals are raised, fed, and treated, etc. This is best accomplished by allowing consumers to deal with small-scale dairy producers. As currently written, the regulations would jeopardize such opportunities, or make them illegal, by imposing facilities requirements which are not feasible at the small scale. I understand and applaud the commissions desire to keep people safe. However, I also believe that consumers should be allowed to assume responsibility for their own health. Consuming raw milk entails a degree of risk. I and other raw milk customers understand that. Consuming pasteurized milk, particularly from large operations who we cannot personally get to know, entails other risks. We should have the opportunity to evaluate for ourselves such pros and cons without the interference of well meaning but excessive regulation. For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Commission reject the legislation as currently written. Sincerely, Anne Wright 3363 Parkview Ave #2 Pittsburgh, PA