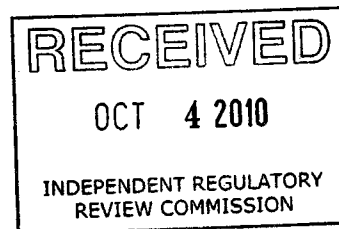


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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

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Message:

To Whom it may concern: Whenever I have a chance to visit PA, I try to seek out a raw milk producer. The milk producers I have encountered are very conscientious about sanitation. Just as importantly, these farmers tend to be small, heritage producers who carefully tend to the health and diet of the herd. This means that the herds are allowed access to pasture. It is a fact that pastured (non-grain fed) are healthier, and it negates the need for antibiotics. That means a healthier me! Technology has advanced since the 1940's. There is far easier access to milk, herd, and water testing now which should put to rest any concerns about raw dairy products. I would much rather have raw milk from a small producer than from a consortium of bulk producers which control bacteria through intermingling all milk and then heat sterilizing. One only has to look at the "egg issue" recently on the news to realize that localized production is safer for the population than the huge centralized (and contaminated) facilities. I have never received even one bag egg nor one bad batch of dairy from any small producer. Theoretically, if I had, it would have been confined to a minute number of people (with immediate feedback to the farmer) instead of exposing thousands to pathogens for months before some government finally acted. Several states such as California, Arizona, and Wisconsin have re-pioneered the raw milk issue in order to preserve the freedom to produce, market and consume raw milk. Pennsylvania, with its centuries-old heritage of safe raw milk production, should be in the forefront of this movement. Thank you. Brenda Rezvan