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My name is Carol Anspach and I am a consumer of raw milk . I have been drinking raw milk for the last 36 years. In addition I was raised on raw milk, never having tasted pasteurized milk until the age of 19 when a student in college. There was also a period of time in the 80's when I also drank raw milk. I have never had any problems with the safety of raw milk. I trust my farmer completely . I see no need for all the additional testing that the proposal would demand. It will create an additional workload for farmers, lots of hassle and inconvenience, and additional cost to them and consequently to the consumer. But cost is not the only issue here. There is far too much regulation of a food that is a natural one. While aware that there are possibly dangers to consumers from tainted milk, I have never found that to be an issue in my lifetime. When one looks at the recalled foods on a national scale due to health problems, they are all from large corporations not the independent farmer selling locally to their customers. With large corporations there is the greed factor that can cause unscrupulous people to cut corners for greater income. Most independent farmers involved have respect for the land, the animals, and the people who consume the food and dairy they produce. They are operating on a small scale and have direct contact with at least some of their customers. If the milk they sell is not healthy, they would lose their customer base fairly quickly and be out of business. They are also not involved in transporting milk all over the country which necessitates stricter controls. As a Pennsylvania resident I am very grateful that I live in a state that sells raw milk . I know that the farmer that I buy from has customers driving an hour or two from other states because they cannot get raw milk where they live. They would not go to this extreme if they were not satisfied that the milk they were buying and feel that it was safe. Please do not pass this legislation which will not make raw milk any safer, but just create more hassles , stress, and cost for the farmers who are trying to supply the residents of our state with really good, wholesome milk that is the healthiest milk that one can buy, directly from the cow as nature intended it. This legislation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation is unnecessary .I don't want it, people I know don't want it , please reject it .

Thank you ,
Carol Anspach