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HI!

My name is Kim Kelly from Center City Philadelphia, 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 or local market or store. If they provide an unsatisfactory product or fail to appropriately correct a problem they will be out of business quickly. At that level, State regulation does not and cannot provide a higher level policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we 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.

Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, 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.

Haven't we learned enough lessons yet on the crisis's in our country from malipulating our food sources, the problems we face with amount of obesity and unhealthy food consumption from processed foods, not to say the dairy industry with injecting hormones and feeding cows unnatural fed to able to produce more milk, you should be after these big dairy farmers and the company's who encourage these practices there is only one thing they care care about money and not about the people's health.. Leave the small farmers alone they treat the cow's with integrity they are able to be the in sun to able to produce the proper sources of vitamin D as well as being able to graze on grass, which if you don't know produces the highest of nutrients in milk, yes simply by letting them graze on grass and being in the sun, it's a fact.. Please don't take away my right to consume raw dairy

in which I've been doing for 15 years. I'm not 100% sure of why you are doing what you doing what your motives are, is it for my safety, wow that's in questionable, start looking at the real problem corporate farmers producing dairy with no more nature nutrients, crazy you are going after the raw dairy industry, who are producing the best milk out there, the most nature, it's such an ancient practice in farming and basic. These farmers are doing more good then harm, so to potentially put them out of business is a crime!!!

Thank you for you time

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