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FW: IRRC Website - New Message

From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]

Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 9:45 AM

To: Help

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Kimberly

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Email: press@westonaprice.org

Subject: Proposed Dairy Regs

Message:

I work on the raw milk issue on a national level, as publicist for the Campaign for Real Milk. Our mission is to broaden consumer access to this wholesome food, and to promote proper animal husbandry to that end. I write you to say that I think PDA is already equipped with enough regulations to keep raw dairy safe without overburdening the farmers. Your state is doing a fine job with existing statutes and testing measures. I spoke recently with Bill Chirdon, and it seems he is really being a help to the farmers in producing the safest possible product. Please, in the worst economy for dairy farmers (and our nation for that matter) do not proceed to pass these new regs that will certainly cost some to lose their farms or hurt their ability to grow. The average raw dairy consumer is very educated about the product he or she is buying. They are able to directly communicate any quality issues to the farmer, because they are in direct contact, unlike a store bought product. Around the country, we are seeing an alarming number of Federal incursions into the rights of consumers to choose healthy food, especially fresh milk. I hope that these regs are not part of their overall plan which seems to have an end goal in denying the consumer their rights and quashing the farmer's free trade. Thanks for your consideration for this request. Kimberly Hartke Reston, VA