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My name is Nancy Dawley, 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 I am not satisfied with their product, I stop buying. They either improve or go out of business.

I wish the same could be said for problems in large corporations. Government agencies seem to protect them when their products are contaminated. They are not held responsible for practices that infect their or their neighbor's food. This is a mistake, since they just continue unsafe practices. Regulations should focus on these operations, not small farmers and local processors who have a feedback loop from their customers.

When regulations are needed, it seems ludicrous to expect small business to use the same technology as multi-million dollar corporations. A bottling machine may mean nothing to giants as they spread it over thousands of animals and gallons. They don't even feel a tiny nudge to make operation improvements. But the cost of high-tech equipment to a small farmer may put him/her out of business as he spreads this over his few animals. It's like requiring you to put a restaurant kitchen in your home in order to make sandwiches for your family. It doesn't make sense.

There are very few complaints about the safety of raw milk, regardless of how it is bottled.

Let's save the regulations for farming operations that are known to be dangerous -- like factory farm runoff and antibiotics in feed. Tax money is short these days. Let's use it only where there are real problems.

Again, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.