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Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 4:14 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation

My name is Pamela Thielo and I am a raw milk consumer in the State of Ohio. I am contacting you today to respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an informed consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. If they knowingly and consistently provide customers an unsatisfactory product they will not be in business very long. Every consumer monitors that supplier with every transaction and has his or her own enforcement options. Government involvement is needed where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not one size fits all. 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 larger operations are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if it required that the end product achieve a desired result. How that result is achieved is the producers' responsibility, not the State's. The State's role should be 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 arduous and unnecessary. These flaws necessitate that the proposed regulation be rejected. Thank you for your consideration.

Pamela Thielo

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