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**Subject:** Concerns about proposed reg. 277 Dept. of Ag. 2-160

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Dear Committee Members:

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I am a resident of Landenberg in Chester County. My family and I are also daily drinkers of raw milk and have been for the past seven years. I am writing you to encourage you to vote NO (i.e. to disapprove) Proposed Regulation 277 Department of Agriculture 2-160. The changes embodied in this regulation, if enacted, would have a severely negative impact on Pennsylvania's small family dairy farms--some of which milk just a few cows. These changes--the banning of hand capping of bottles and the requirement to have separate rooms for capping and bottle washing--are solutions looking for a problem and are unnecessary at best. Where is the evidence that the lack of these practices among Pennsylvania's licensed raw milk dairies have had any significant negative health impact on drinkers of raw milk?

PDA does not need to continually focus on and harass small family farms for producing a clean, quality product, but should rather focus on large, confined animal dairies whose unsanitary operations and chronically sick cows are the source of almost all milk-linked cases of dairy-based, food-borne illness. We consumers really are smart enough to know the difference between real milk and industrial milk. I demand the right to buy real, raw milk from my local family-owned farm without the fear that such farms will be forced out of business because of onerous and unnecessary regulation and harassment.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments.

Sincerely,

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