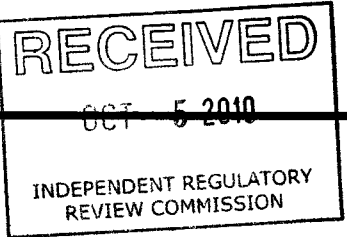


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**From:** Alicia Kamin [akamin4@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 05, 2010 1:13 AM  
**To:** IRRC  
**Subject:** REJECT proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

Attention IRRC:

I *STRONGLY* advise you to oppose the proposed milk regulations in Pennsylvania and request that you vote to REJECT proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160.

I am a raw milk consumer in the state of California, and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and believe that other intelligent, discriminating consumers should have the right to choose which food products they want to consume.

We do not need protection from others. We can make choices on our own with the wealth of information and research that is available. If others 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.

Signed  
Alicia Kamin