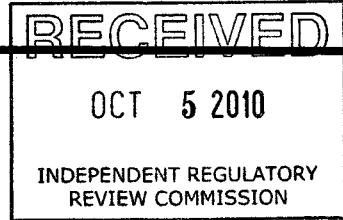


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From: Barbara Geatches [bgeatches@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 12:30 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Milk Sanitation

My name is Barbara Geatches, 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. What I do need protection from is large, industrial farming agriculture methods, not small sustainable farmers. See if it's a small farm and they don't provide an satisfactory product or fail to appropriately correct a problem they will be out of business quickly. It's the larger operations that are more complex, and when they have problems they 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
Barbara Geatches