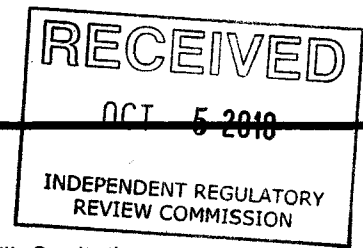


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From: Chris Downey [cdowney@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 10:44 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: please reject #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation

Hello. I've been drinking raw milk for almost a year and feeding it to my 3 young kids, who have grown to love it. Prior to trying raw milk, I had been lactose intolerant for the past 20 years. Now, thanks to the good raw milk producers of Pennsylvania, I am enjoying the most delicious milk I've ever tasted - and in large amounts, too. It took 6 months for my raw milk drinking friends to convince me to try it. I finally did just to shut them up - but instead I discovered that they were right: raw milk is easily digested even by people who can't drink pasteurized milk without distress.

So with this in mind, I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. The way I see it, I just don't need or want regulations to protect me from local farmers whom I've discovered through my network of trusted, intelligent, very discriminating friends (other raw milk consumers). We are opting out of the large supermarket food chains in order to obtain a better and safer product (raw milk); it is safer because we operate on trust, confirmed with each purchase, verifiable in person with our farmer/neighbors, spread rapidly via the Internet/email.

Pennsylvania is admired by raw milk consumers/activists around the country as a model raw milk state. It didn't become this way by accident. By not burdening small raw milk producers with onerous regulations, you've allowed room for innovation and economic reward. Please don't ruin this.

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

Chris Downey