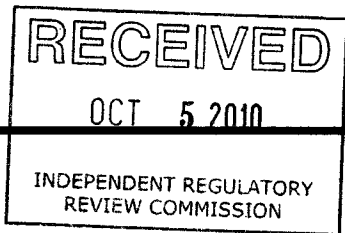


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From: Christina [waguespack@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 12:53 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Please reject proposed regulation #2777 Dept of Agriculture 2-160

Dear IRRC,

I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am a raw milk consumer and I know my farmer-neighbor and those who run my local markets/stores. I am also an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor, local market or store.

If one of them provides an unsatisfactory product or fails to appropriately correct a problem he/she or the market/store will be out of business quickly.

At that level, State regulation does not and cannot provide a higher level of 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 large scale 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 immediately.

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