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Subject: DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

As a raw milk consumer, I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I know the farmers where I buy much of my food, including dairy, and their farms are much cleaner and well run than the factory farms that have clear marketing advantage to the general public. This bill will put the small raw milk farmer at a disadvantage. Large, conventional factory farms are those responsible for most of the disease outbreaks. Any safety bill, should target these larger farms. Small and organic farmers should get a break.

Although some regulations on the larger farms 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.

Again, I view the proposed regulation as invasive to the daily operation of the small farmer, and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

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