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Dear Sirs:

My name is D. Boschee. I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation.

Raw milk consumers are an intelligent, discriminating bunch, and we do not need protection from farmer-neighbors, or local markets and stores. If they provide an unsatisfactory product or fail to appropriately correct a problem they will be out of business quickly. State regulation does not and cannot provide a higher level of policing. All consumers police each individual supplier with each and every transaction, and thus has direct enforcement options.

That being said, what we really need is government involvement where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather gigantic corporations created by the State. Someone at the State level has to actually pay attention to the large producers, not the small. I live in fear of having to consume milk from the supermarket shelves from some of these humongous operations where the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing.

**Food safety is not size neutral.** In fact, larger operations are much more complex, and their production problems have many more far-reaching impacts than the smaller producers. Not to mention we, the consumers, have no direct meaningful recourse - none - if there is a problem resulting with the larger operations. The regulation needs to focus on those producers.

The State's only real role should be to test for compliance, a function that could easily be contracted out, rather than the State inserting itself in micromanaging the operations.

Again, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. I am asking that the proposed regulation be rejected, and thank you for your support of this very important matter.

Sincerely,  
Debra Boschee

**The greatest enemy of the truth is not the lie – deliberate, contrived, and dishonest – but the myth – persistent, pervasive, and unrealistic. -John F. Kennedy**