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My name is Dolly Getz, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I grew up drinking raw milk as I was raised on a dairy farm. I now buy raw milk for my family and would not want to see our farmer incur these additional expenses proposed in the regulation that is written more for commercial processors than small, on site bottlers. Never, in all the years of buying raw milk have we had a single issue with the product.

In light of all the food recalls that have occurred recently, forcing more regulations on raw milk bottlers seems a waste of time, effort and money. The state already mandates testing on licensed raw milk retailers. Food safety is not size neutral. What works for large corporations will not work for small, local farmers. The problems within large operations have a far-reaching impact that affects hundreds or thousands of people. Regulations need to focus on these operations.

I choose to buy the food for my family from small, locally owned retailers because I feel it is best to know where our food is coming from. If I buy milk in the grocery store, I have no idea where it was produced, what the cows have been fed or how clean the barn was. Buying milk from a local farmer allows me to know all of that.

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

Respectfully, Dolly Getz