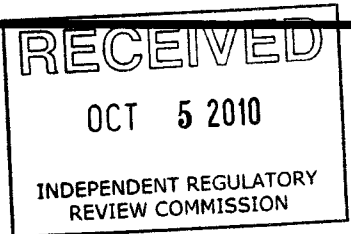


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Subject: Raw Milk Regulation



I respectfully suggest that the Independent Regulatory Review Commission vote down the currently proposed regulatory changes on the sale of raw milk in the State of PA at their meeting on Thursday, 7Oct2010. The regulations are not yet in a form which is both clear and most helpful to all parties involved, the public and the farmers themselves. The proposed changes appear to be unnecessarily onerous and expensive to the farmers without a concomitant benefit to the public. Changes can be made that meet these objections and passage of the current proposal will do great damage to the farmers.

PDA could withdraw the proposed regulations before the meeting and continue to work with the stakeholders to improve the regulations. That is my preferred present outcome. But if they refuse to do that, I propose that the IRRC vote down the proposed regulations.

I am personally a long-time beneficiary of the drinking of raw milk. For me, this is not a matter to be taken lightly. I have personal experience that leads me to credit raw milk with dramatic improvements in my health. I want to protect the availability of this important product for myself and others who want and deserve to be able to access this product as widely as possible. Rushing through the present proposals will make it just that much more difficult to achieve optimum regulation and public benefit.

In short, I ask the PDA to withdraw the present proposed regulations of raw milk production and sale, and if they will not do that, that the IRRC vote NO on the proposals.

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