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My name is Donna J. Betts. I am a farmer and raw milk consumer and I am quite concerned about the proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am concerned in particular that Pennsylvania, who has long been viewed as a pacesetter in raw milk, is even considering a reversal of its' long held position of spearheading support of the concept of 'value adding' for independent family farm income. As a farmer of 60 years and former grade A dairy producer I am quite concerned with the shift away from 'safety and sanitation' with adequate regulation at a local level, to the promotion to agri-business corporation control with inadequate regulation. Common sense dictates this difference.

The far reaching ramifications of your approval of this measure will take your great state to an unenvious low as a leader for failure to recognize that helping drive yet another nail in the coffin of the independent farmers of this country and hand over control to privatization will contribute to this countrys' downfall. Stop and think, I implore you, 'He who controls the food of a nation, controls the nation'. We are too close for comfort to this happening. PLEASE, don't be a collaborator.

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