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My name is Jim Pirisino. I am a Board Certified and Licensed Nutritionist.

REJECT PROPOSED REGULATION #2777

I value the free access to small farms in all states that provide nutritious nutrient dense foods - because you cannot find them in supermarkets. Industrial foods are killing and destroying the health of all Americans. We need to encourage and promote what Pennsylvania has that neighboring states do not - real food, real farmers - people that care about farms, animals and food. This is one thing that Pennsylvania has and is known for all around the country and the world. Regulatory Review Commissions and Agricultural Departments and other regulators - preserve the heritage, history and traditional commerce of small farms and consumers. Their traditions and bonds should not be burdened by overbearing, unnecessary rules and regulations whose enactment will put even one farmer out of business unnecessarily - just because of an unnecessary regulation without any complaints or health issues.

Why am I concerned? I live in a backward, shortsighted and agriculturally strangled state. There is no excitement, enthusiasm or enjoyment involved - as the farmers are all gone. There are no farmers here - just business men - not farmers. Cows do not graze in our fields - all we have is industrial corn, industrial soy and chicken houses and chicken waste and polluted waterways - this is a desolate state - the State of Maryland. I plan to retire and move to Pennsylvania where I have access to real food. Don't screw it up with unnecessary regulations that discourage and kill small agricultural expansion.

The consumer wants and the Nutritionists demand - real food. If you must spend your time regulating and creating laws - make laws that address the real problems in agriculture - big industrial agriculture. Make laws that prevent happening to Pennsylvania that happened to Maryland - the "chicken waste state".

Here's a concept - create protectionist laws that preserve, encourage and expand the heritage and time honored ways of small farmers - if they handicap - let them handicap. Stay out of their farms and let them prosper as they develop relationships with consumers that are much stronger than any other.

All around the world, people have free and easy access to real foods like fresh raw milk. In Europe, people can get their fresh milk from vending machines on the street where people bring their own containers - no one is dying or getting sick. Why are you overtly trying to put small farms out of business. There is no health problem with small farms - only large industrial farms.

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This proposed regulation is unnecessary, small farmers don't want it, consumers don't want it - no one wants it. It is unnecessary and not relevant. This is bureaucratic pollution. Start proposing regulations that build on the cultural heritage of Pennsylvania's small farms. Promote it.

Build it. Expand it. Don't hinder it.

Respectfully,

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