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To whom it may concern:

As a consumer of raw milk in Pennsylvania, I vehemently oppose the proposed the milk regulations and respectfully request that you vote to DISAPPROVE proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160. These unnecessarily strict regulations would increase the cost of raw milk and/or put many farmers out of business. I believe that clean raw milk should be available to those who desire to drink it, and the farmers who provide it should not be unnecessarily impeded. I'm thankful that we do have this option and that there are regulations in place to keep it clean and safe, but please do not approve this new regulation that will make it cost prohibitive to produce and purchase.

Although some regulations are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves a desired result. How that result is achieved is the producers' responsibility, not the State's. That would result in the State's role being to test for compliance, a function that could easily be contracted out, rather than inserting itself in micromanaging the operation.

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,  
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a resident of Chester County, PA