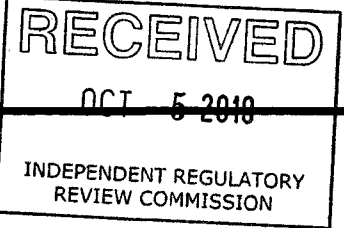


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From: John Place [john@keepsakefarm.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 9:39 AM
To: IRRC; wchirdon@state.pa.us; john@keepsakefarm.com
Subject: Proposed regulation # 2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation

My name is John Place and I am a licensed Raw milk producer. I request that you reject the proposed regulation # 2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation.

Direct to consumer sales of raw milk on our farm has made our first generation farm a thriving business and allowed my family to provide a much desired product to the local population. Our attention to detail and sanitation speaks for itself in our bi-weekly milk quality tests performed as per our licensing requirements. Food safety is of paramount importance to me and my business because if I betray the trust of my customers by providing and inferior product, I will quickly find myself out of business and looking for a job.

I do not believe that the state should burden small farmers like myself with excessive and unnecessary regulation concerning direct to consumer sales on the farm. My hope is that with a rejection of the proposed regulation, new language can be written in the bill allowing for exemption of direct on farm sales of raw milk and other raw dairy products.

In my opinion, regulations are necessary to protect the public from our current massive scale of food production where there are many inputs from around the country. However, if a consumer chooses to travel directly to the producing farm and buy directly from the farmer after personally scrutinizing the operations cleanliness, safety, and quality, I ask you, is there a better inspector?

Once again, I ask that you reject the current proposed regulation and allow for the writing of new code pertaining to raw milk and allow for an exemption of direct on farm sales.

*Thank you,
John Place*

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