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Subject: Say no to Reg 2777 Agr 2-160

Hello,

My name is Karin Edgett. I'm a struggling small business, holding together a local economy in only the way small businesses can. I realize that the Agriculture business, especially the smaller farmers have been a vital part of the Pennsylvania economy since William Penn himself. In 2010 we are facing two important crises. 1) The economy, 2) healthcare. Small farmers (and small businesses in general) are vital to the stability of every economy, so please say no to any regulation that make it harder for small businesses! As far as healthcare goes, having access to local foods, and in particular "live" foods instead of just mass produced GMO, "dead" foods help avert health care costs, and bring a more stable food source to an area. Please say no to this bill so that Pennsylvanian's can enjoy farm fresh, grass fed, and even unpasteurized milk so we can be the healthiest people in the country!

Did you know that grass fed, raw, unpasteurized milk contains so many healthy friendly bacteria that those people who drink it never get sick? It's because good bacteria is the only method of fighting the bad bacteria off. If you pasteurize the milk, it no longer has good bacteria, and the bad bacteria will take over! Just like in our own bodies!

Anyway, now is a very bad time to make it harder for small businesses, and make it harder for Pennsylvanian's to get healthy food.

Keep Pennsylvania a healthy dairy state, keep it a small farmer state, promote healthy foods, and you will see your tax base rise, and your health care costs plummet.

Here is more below from other concerned Pennsylvanian's!

I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. If they provide an unsatisfactory product or fail to appropriately correct a problem they will be out of business quickly. At that level, State regulation does not and cannot provide a higher level policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

Although some regulations on this latter group 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.

SignedYour Name﻿