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Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 2:44 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Proposed regulation #2777 Dept of Ag 2-160

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Karol Christie, I am a raw milk consumer, and I respectfully request that you reject the proposed regulation #2777 Dept of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation.

For the past ten years I have been a raw milk consumer and have had ZERO issues with any 'problematic' raw milk that I have purchased. I make decisions wisely and am a discriminating consumer so I do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor, my local market and my local store.

If any of these places provide an unsatisfactory product or if they fail to appropriately correct a problem, they will be out of business quickly. At this level, State regulation does not and cannot provide a higher level of policing. Where we do need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State.

Food safety IS impacted by size: 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.

While I am a raw milk activist outside of Pennsylvania, I do care about this issue in your state because PA is a model raw milk state for the rest of the nation. What happens in PA could eventually impact other states.

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,

Karol Christie