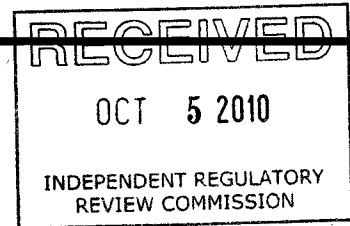


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**From:** Kate Jones [jesusliebtmich@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 05, 2010 7:37 AM  
**To:** IRRC  
**Subject:** Regulation #2777



My name is Kate Jones,

I am a raw milk consumer in New Hampshire and I look to Pennsylvania as one of the model states for raw milk and I am writing to ask that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I consider seriously the products that I buy whether they be from my local farmers, local market or store taking into consideration how they were produced and processed. If I find an unsatisfactory product that is not corrected, I and other consumers will make a direct statement to them by not purchasing from them anymore, putting them out of business. 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.

Sincerely,

Kate Jones