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From: Katherine Cockerham [kcnbella@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 5:30 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation

My name is Katherine Cockerham, I wish I could be a raw milk consumer and 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 of 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.

Even though I don't live in Pennsylvania, I care about this issue. I wish Maryland allowed the sale of raw milk the way Pennsylvania has up to now. Pennsylvania has been a model to the rest of the nation. Please don't undo that now.

Sincerely,

Katherine Cockerham

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