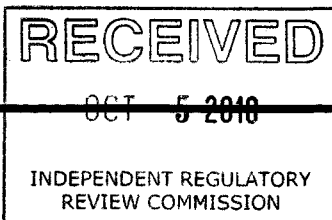


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**From:** Maida Pirich [maidacp@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 04, 2010 11:35 PM  
**To:** IRRC  
**Subject:** Rejection of Proposed Regulation #2777 Milk Sanitation

Dear Members of the Pennsylvania IRRC:

My name is Maida Pirich, and I am a raw milk consumer in California. Having become aware that the State of Pennsylvania, the home of successful raw milk producers, is considering laws which will negatively impact these farmers, I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Dept of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I strongly support encouraging the farmers who produce raw milk, rather than making their work more difficult, if not financially impossible. Small farming was once the bedrock of American agriculture, and I am thrilled that small farmers are resurrecting this avenue of whole food production.

The small farmers know that staying in business means consistently providing safe raw milk, and they have been taking responsibility for this without government intervention. They would not have any customers if they were incapable of or disinterested in assuring safety and high quality. Proposed Reg. #2777 would only divert them from the object of their business, namely, efficaciously producing safe raw milk for the growing demand from an increasingly educated consumer base.

I agree that standards ought to be established and upheld. How the standards are achieved is the producer's responsibility, not the State's. It would be sufficient for the State's role to be compliance testing, rather than insisting on micromanaging the operation.

Again, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, unnecessary, and not in the best interest of the farmers and their customers. Because the farmers are capable of successfully managing their responsibilities without undue intervention, the best course of action is to reject the proposed regulation.

Respectfully,

Maida Pirich

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