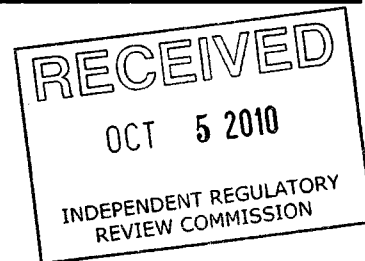


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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

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Message:

I am a scientist- a rocket scientist, as a matter of fact, though my background is in medical laboratory science- and dealing in fact is important to me at work and in my personal decisions. I've done the research, and I have come to the conclusion that raw milk produced responsibly is much more healthful a product than milk that is produced in filthy conditions and then pasteurized to kill the pathogens that are introduced by careless handling in large industril settings. I am educated, far from stupid, and I resent having my food choices made for me by a government entity that is only familiar with industrial, germ-ridden milk production. I am a raw milk consumer by choice, as difficult as it is to find this product, 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 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.