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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Paulina Zunino, I am 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 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.

Second, the hearing for this regulation will be at 10 AM, Thursday, October 7th in the 14th floor conference room, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA. I know this is short notice, but if you are from Pennsylvania and can possibly fit it into your schedule, please attend. This is a critical issue in the fight to regain control of our food and food choices. You can make a difference. And if your food is important to you, you need to let that be known loud and clear.

Over our lifetime, we all get many opportunities. Successful people are those who (1) recognize an opportunity and (2) recognize that opportunities don't always appear when it's convenient and (3) are flexible enough to take advantage of the opportunity. This is one of those opportunities.

I thank you in advance for doing the right thing.

Respectfully,

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