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Good evening (or morning when you read this),

My name is Rita O'Kelley. While I live in Little Rock, AR... the proposed regulation affects consumers in PA as

Well as around the country.

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 a 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.

**Thank you for considering my letter, and for "less government" in our lives.
We should have the right to choose what we eat**

and drink. We are intelligent adult consumers.

Sincerely,

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