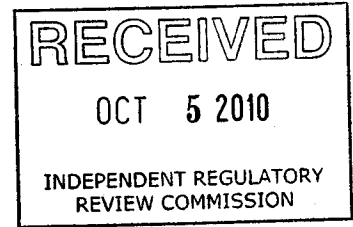


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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Robert

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Subject: dairy regulations

Message:

Our names are Robert & Judy Hughes. We are raw milk consumers and we respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. We believe that intelligent, discriminating consumers do not need protection from farmer-neighbors or local markets or stores. 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. Government involvement is needed when the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts, and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. Any additional regulation needs to focus on those types of operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if there were performance standards which required that the end product achieve 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, we view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected. Thank you. rth & Judy