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To: IRRC
Subject: Proposed Regulation #2777

Hello, I come from a long line of raw milk consumers and advocate the health benefits of raw milk to the public. Please reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. As an educated consumer as well as a Health and Nutrition Coach, I am capable of ensuring any product I consume is a quality product, without the help of the State.

The proposed regulation would impose severe as well as unnecessary financial and operational burden on farmers who are already struggling to maintain their businesses afloat. Furthermore, I do not believe this regulation will protect consumers, and rather, attention should be turned to the large agricultural operations that continue to send contaminated products into the public. Instead, with raw milk and other products from small farms, it would make better sense to me if the focus was on the final product's quality rather than the actual procedure to get it there.

Another thing to consider is that Pennsylvania is a model state for the raw milk industry, and if this regulation, which I believe would not help anyway, were to pass, other states will use this as an opportunity to impose more unreasonable regulations. I fear that this will lead to many farmers and suppliers being put out of business, and wholesome, raw milk as nature had intended would become virtually impossible to obtain by the public.

Again I urge you to please reject the proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160. There has to be a better solution that will not harm these farmers' businesses.

Sincerely,

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