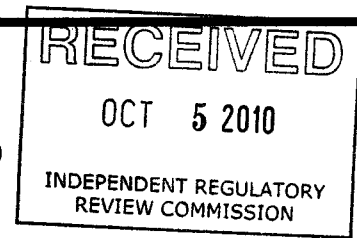


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**From:** Scott Grzybek [scottg@zukaylive.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 05, 2010 8:56 AM  
**To:** IRRC  
**Subject:** proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160



Dear IRRC –

My name is Scott Grzybek, and my family and I are long-term raw milk drinkers here in Berks County. We consider raw milk to be one of the most important parts of our diet, and we feel blessed to live here in Pennsylvania where we can get raw milk cheaply, easily, and safe, due to the PA Raw Milk Certification Program, of which we are strong supporters. We do not drink pasteurized milk from anywhere, as it is our belief that the health properties of pasteurized milk are not anywhere nearly as great as raw milk – in fact, we were not milk drinkers at all before we switched to raw milk about 6 years ago. We have never had any illness from raw milk, and because we know the farmers who produce our milk, do not expect to have any health issues in the future, either. So you know, we generally get our raw milk from Conebella Farms in Elverson, PA, and we supplement with milk from Camphill in Kimberton. We are very happy with our raw milk providers, and we enjoy helping these small farmers (the backbone of our rural society here) make a decent living.

This new proposed regulation, #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160, has recently come to my attention as a possible roadblock to many small farmers here in PA who service many people like myself who depend on raw milk for their diets everyday. I do not claim to be an expert in agricultural regulation, but I BESEECH you to NOT make any regulations that will impede financially with our local raw milk farmers. I feel my family (including my 1 year old and my 4 year old) are proof positive that the current system works and that the farmers who follow the system make the best and safest milk to be found in our great nation. If we had any negative experiences with any of the raw milk farmers we have dealt with over the past 6 years, I would tell you, but the fact is we haven't. I don't think that's just by chance – we generally purchase at least 2 gallons a week, and we have bought from many producers in Berks and Lancaster counties throughout the years, all certified producers. If the system you had in place wasn't good, I don't think that would have been possible.

Also, if you do things to put raw milk farmers out of business, some will go underground. People such as myself who only drink raw milk will find another source. I am proud that I live in a state that makes it safe and easy to buy raw milk, and I would HATE to see anything change that.

Please, please, please, do not change a system that works for farmers and consumers. Please do not do anything to hurt the small farmers that provide us with a priceless gift. And please do nothing to hurt small dairy farmers who have had such a tough time making it over the past 15-20 years. We have lost enough of them as it is. Any more stress on them will hurt many and help no one.

Whether or not you agree with me on the benefits of raw milk, you must agree with me on both protecting our small farmers and also safely providing a product that many of us use. I thank you so much for helping the farmers turn PA into the best-run state as far as raw milk production and access is concerned. Let's keep it that way.

Thanks so much,

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