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Subject: DISAPPROVE proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

IRRC,

As a raw milk activist in Maryland, I look to the north for hope that one day Maryland will follow Pennsylvania's raw milk model. The proposed regulation #2777 will make it more difficult for raw milk producers to remain viable but more importantly, I believe it presents a safety issue. If these farmers must complete these tasks in separate rooms, then the milk must sit out for a longer period of time. This in itself, raw or not, presents a possibility for pathogens to grow. I believe that the possible threat of contamination from moving the milk from place to place and having the milk at room temp for too long outweighs any possible risk from hand capping. In this day and age, it is hard to find operations where man has not been replaced by machine. Perhaps it seems like a small thing but someone gets paid to cap those bottles and those people could be out a job. Let's put some faith in our fellow man and let that be our guidance instead of our fear of what "might" happen.

Thank you for your time,
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