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From:Theresa Burock [tburock@rcn.com]Sent:Tuesday, October 05, 2010 9:10 AMTo:IRRCSubject:DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

Gentlemen:

My name is Theresa Burock. I consume raw milk and respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation.

I realize that some regulations are necessary to protect the consumer, however, I believe they can be achieved in a manner that would not jeopardize the farmer by placing undue burdens on him financially. We have seen in the past where many of our food contamination issues were a result of large corporations, as was seen in the lettuce, spinach and peanut processing plants. The local dairy farmer takes greater care in assuring that his product meets the highest standard because he has a close relationship with his clientele and is therefore very conscientious of the product he sells. If this regulation goes into effect, it will have a huge impact on Pennsylvania dairy farmers, as well as the economy of the state. Many local dairy farmers will ultimately be forced to discontinue with their products because economically it will not be feasible for them to continue. Or, because of these regulations, they would have to pass on the additional cost to already financially strapped consumers, and in the end the business can still fail because people will not be able to afford the product.

I view the regulations as being excessive and would request that Regulation #2777 be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Burock

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