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Dear Gentlemen/Women-

I oppose the proposed Milk regulations and I request you vote Disapprove on regulation #2777.

Kathe Kikkene

Gelnett, Wanda B.

From: Selene Whole Foods Co-op [manager@selenecoop.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 12:27 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation,#2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

Hello,

My name is Kate Bundrick, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture
2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Again, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

Signed
Kate Bundrick

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Selene Whole Foods Cooperative
305 West State Street, Media, PA 19063
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From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 12:17 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: FW: IRRC Website - New Message

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From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 12:11 PM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

IRRC
Independent Regulatory Review Commission

A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Kelly

Last Name: Fielder

Company:

Email: airovel26@hotmail.com

Subject: Respectful request to reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation

Message:
My name is Kelly Fielder, I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating individual and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected. Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Miller, Sarah E.
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Subject: FW: IRRC Website - New Message

From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 11:38 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: adrienne

Last Name: boullianne

Company:

Email: adrfringe@gmail.com

Subject: raw milk regulations

Message:
My name is _adrienne boullianne. I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

Gelnett, Wanda B.

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From: Douglas Dyer [bridgestohealth@windstream.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 11:29 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: raw milk

It is time to recognize that farmer's supplying raw milk to customers who need, enjoy and value the product are not doing anything illegal. It is time to stop persecuting farmers because they are not part of huge unhealthy agribusiness operations. Most of their operations are cleaner and healthier than the big farms.
As a consumer of raw milk I hope that lobbyist interests will not drive your considerations.
Sincerely,
Susanne Hesse

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Michael Gale [mgale@barbergale.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 11:07 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

My name is Michael Gale, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. **I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store.** If they provide an unsatisfactory product or fail to appropriately correct a problem they will be out of business quickly.
Again, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary.
These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.
Thank you,

Michael Gale
132 North Hanover Street
Pottstown, PA 19464
610.705.8500 p
mgale@barbergale.com
http://www.barbergale.com
designing sustainable brands

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Michael Gale [mgale@barbergale.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 11:02 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: I request a vote to DISAPPROVE

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you oppose the proposed the milk regulations and request
that you vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

Thank you,

Michael Gale
112 north hanover street
carlisle, pa 17013
717.218-3005 p
mgale@barbergale.com
http://www.barbergale.com
designing sustainable brands

Cooper, Kathy

From: sevenpinkarrows [sixgirlsmomma@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 10:10 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

My name is Beth A. Cook. Though I am not a raw milk consumer, many friends and family are. Irespectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777
Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Signed
Beth A. Cook
Smock, PA

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Cooper, Kathy

From: kpegg1925@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 10:11 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw Milk

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My name is Kathy Pegg, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Signed

Kathleen T. Pegg

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Cooper, Kathy

From: KATE SCHMIDT [schmidt820@verizon.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 10:20 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: please reject proposed regulation #2777

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My name is Kate Schmidt, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Signed
Kate Schmidt

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Chris Ozbun [tigger34@me.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 10:26 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw Milk

I am writing to request that the proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160 be DISAPPROVED. I am strongly opposed to the proposed milk regulations. Thank you, Chris Ozbun

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Cooper, Kathy

From: wfuiii [wfuiii@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 10:31 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: DISAPPROVE proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

Your consideration of this proposal is appalling.....limiting consumers to having the right to purchase a natural food/drink!! Government is not supposed to limit our rights as consumers to buy straight from the farm!! Your ignorance on this matter is quite apparent.

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Bill Uecker
wfuiii@aol.com

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Kristina Mirus [kmirus@rmsmail.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 9:54 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw milk legislation

I buy milk from a PA farmer and I oppose the proposed the milk regulations. Please vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

Kristina Mirus

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From: elisa battle [guzzibattle7@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 9:44 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Regulation regarding selling raw milk

My name is Michael Battle, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Jeffrey T. Sutton [jtsutton@pa.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 9:28 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: RAW MILK

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JEFFREY T SUTTON
35 MOYER LANE
SHERMANS DALE PA 17090

I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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THANK YOU

JEFFREY T SUTTON

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Richard Larson
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To: PA Independent Regulatory Review Commission **From:** Richard Larson

Fax: 717-783-2664 **Pages:**

Phone: **Date:**

Re: **CC:**

(XXXX) **Urgent** ( ) **For Review** ( ) **Please Comment** ( ) **Please Reply**

• **Comments:** Please call sender if there are any problems with this fax transmission.

Dear Sirs and Madams,

As a small-scale dairy producer in Vermont, I strongly support the right of consumers to purchase unpasteurized raw milk from their farmer neighbors. What happens in PA is important to farmers across the nation. Please oppose the proposed the milk regulations and vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

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FAX **5 Oct 2010**

TO: Pennsylvania Independent Regulatory Review Commission

Attn: Hearing on proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

FAX Nr 99-1-717- 783-2664

Subj: Comment on Proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

As a a raw milk consumer, I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. The proposed Regulation #2777 would definitely be a huge mistake for PA to make if the needs of consumers are to be supported. These proposed regulations have nothing to do with protecting the public health but instead subject raw milk producers to unnecessary expenses under the rather transparent guise of public health and safety, some problematic enough to possibly **put some farmers out of business**. That the proposed regulation would clearly and unfairly harm small farmers and benefit large, commercial operations whose health safeguards are demonstrably suspect, if not downright harmful to unwitting consumers of their mass-produced products.

I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need "protection" from the farmer whom I know personally and who supplies my raw dairy. What I need State protection from is huge industrial "food" systems that produce inferior, if not toxic, food-like products. State regulation, such as the proposed #2777, is an unwarranted intrusion into my private dealings and, furthermore, does not and cannot provide a higher level policing. Every consumer polices suppliers with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where **we need government involvement** is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather **corporations created by the State.** Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-

reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

Although some regulations on industrial food production are certainly necessary, the regulations could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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.

I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected in toto. Passing the proposed regulation would set an extreme and unhealthy example for other states; please don't pass it.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the end-consumers of raw dairy,

Shelby D Winstead

winstead@jhu.edu Silver Spring MD

(w) 703-693-5547

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From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 2:01 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: FW: IRRC Website - New Message

From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 1:48 PM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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Independent Regulatory Review Commission

A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: John

Last Name: Schroeder

Company:

Email: jschroeder@high.net

Subject: Milk

Message:
My name is John Schroeder. I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected. Thank you.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: BucksCountyTaste [buckscountytaste@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 2:05 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Proposed regulation #2777

I am writing to request that the IRRC vote to DISAPPROVE proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160 because such regulation would severely impact the ability of raw milk producers in the state to make a living.

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Lynne Goldman
Bucks County Taste
WEB: www.buckscountytaste.com
EMAIL: info@buckscountytaste.com
TWITTER: www.twitter.com/BCTaste
FACEBOOK: Bucks County Taste
215.598.3979

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Kaufman, Kim
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:51 AM
To: IRRC
Cc: Schalles, Scott R.; Totino, Michaele; Wilmarth, Fiona E.; Miller, Sarah E.
Subject: FW: CARE MEMBER

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From: Tara Rowan [mailto:bluejayproduction@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:50 AM
To: Kaufman, Kim
Subject: CARE MEMBER

Dear fellow:

*My name is **Madalena Rowan**, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.*

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Respectfully,

Madalena Rowan

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Roxann DeWulf [truthseeker53@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 2:10 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: raw milk access support

I request that you DISAPPROVE proposed regulation **#2777 Dept. of Ag. 2-160**. Raw milk from cows eating grass on pasture is a nutrient dense food I require in my diet. I do not touch pasteurized milk, especially from cows raised in confinement on grains - many GMO grains. Confined cows need antibiotics because their diet cannot support their health and therefore not my health either. I should have the freedom to access my food choises without government interference!

Cooper, Kathy

From: Barbara Evans [bardoug57@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 2:15 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: IRRC

1. **Email or Fax IRRC by the deadline tomorrow morning** Tuesday, October 5th at 10:00 a.m. Eastern. Advise the IRRC that you oppose the proposed the milk regulations and request that they **vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."**
Email: irrc@irrc.state.pa.us
Fax: (717)783-2664

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Suzanne Baker [boozysaker@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 2:26 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw Milk Regulations

My name is Suzanne Baker
I am a raw milk consumer in PA and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation.

I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer. If they provide an unsatisfactory product or fail to appropriately correct a problem they will be out of business quickly. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Respectfully,
Suzanne Baker

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Mary Lynn Laufer [mllauf@zoomtown.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 2:19 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation

My name is Mary Lynn Laufer, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Respectfully,

Mary Lynn Laufer

Cooper, Kathy

From: kristlclay@bellsouth.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:04 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Milk vote

I am writing to advise you that I strongly oppose the currently proposed milk regulations and request that you vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

I am a resident of GA and care about this issue because PA is a model raw milk state for the rest of the nation and what happens in PA could eventually impact other states.

Thank you for your support of raw milk comsumers and producers everywhere.

Kristina Lefever
Mariettan GA
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Vanessa Sarrazola [vanie0612@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:02 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation.

My name is VANESSA SARRAZOLA, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Sincerely,
Vanessa Sarrazola
114 Montana St
Pittsburgh, PA 15214

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Cooper, Kathy

From: David Shufelt [davidshufelt@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:02 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Oppose reg 2777 Dept of Ag 2-160

I oppose the proposed the milk regulations and request that they vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

Sincerely,

David J. Shufelt

Cooper, Kathy

From: Lisa Roesler [lmroes6@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:01 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: CHANGES TO PENNSYLVANIA RAW MILK REGULATIONS

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Roesler

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Jon Neugebauer [joneugebauer@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:01 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Proposed dairy regulation changes.

My name is Jon Neugebauer, I am a person who is in support of laws that will allow people to obtain raw milk. That is why I am writing to ask you to reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. To my understanding, this law will require raw milk producers in Pennsylvania to use a bottling machine for bottling raw milk, it will also make it necessary for them to bottle milk and store milk containers in a room seperate from the milk room. In addition, bottle washing must be done in a room seperate from both the milk room and the room where bottling is done. Since many of the raw milk producers in your state are currently bottling milk and storing and washing containers in the milk room, the need to construct seperate facilities may make it cost prohibitive for these producers to operate.

Although I personally believe that the proposed regulations will provide for a more sanitary environment for bottling milk and storing and washing containers, I would also propose that producers be given time to comply with the new regulations. Perhaps the state Depatment of Ag could also provide advice and assistance to producers in making the necessary changes. In the meantime, individual producers can be monitored to make sure that the milk is being properly produced in the current production model.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter. I hope that you will consider what I have discussed and respectfully ask that you consider the best approach in making any changes in the milk sanitation laws to be done in a way that everyone can comply with and will benefit all those concerned.

Jon Neugebauer

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:03 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Fw: IRRC Website - New Message

From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:02 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Christine

Last Name: Peterson

Company:

Email: christinetarapeterson@gmail.com

Subject: Raw Milk Regulations

Message:
My name is Christine Peterson, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected. Regards, Christine Peterson

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:06 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Fw: IRRC Website - New Message

From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:04 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Barbara

Last Name: Bennett

Company:

Email: babenn@comcast.net

Subject: raw milk

Message:
My name is Barbara Bennett, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected. Barbara

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From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:21 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Fw: IRRC Website - New Message

From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:08 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Chuck

Last Name: Boust

Company:

Email: chuckboust@yahoo.com

Subject: Milk sanitation/anti raw milk agenda

Message:
Please allow me the dignity of deciding for myself what food is fit for my consumption and give me the respect that I give all adult human beings, that is, I am capable of deciding what risks are worth bearing and what benefits are worth pursuing in spite of said risks. Allow the free market to remove irresponsible businesses from the marketplace. If you are truly concerned about food safety, then please work to ensure that reliable, truthful information is readily available to the public. Do not promulgate half truths and conjecture to invoke fear in consumers for the benefit of taking more power from the people to bureaucrats in government. Please reject proposed regulation 2777. Thank you.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:22 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Fw: IRRC Website - New Message

From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:08 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Clara

Last Name: Fuentes

Company:

Email: fuentesclara@yahoo.com

Subject: regulation #2777

Message:
My name is Clara Fuentes, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:22 AM
To: IRRC
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From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:20 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Arthur

Last Name: Hildreth Jr.

Company:

Email: arthurhildrethjr@yahoo.com

Subject: Reject Proposed Regulation #2777 DOA 2-160: Milk Sanitation

Message:
Dear Review Board: My name is Arthur Hildreth, I am a raw milk consumer in Pennsylvania and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected. Respectfully, Arthur Hildreth Jr. Lancaster PA

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Cooper, Kathy

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Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:37 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Fw: IRRC Website - New Message

From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:29 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Boel

Last Name: Neville

Company: private person

Email: bneville10@hotmail.com

Subject: milk regulations

Message:
My name is Boel Neville, I am a raw milk supporter and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am a discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market. If they provide an unsatisfactory product or fail to appropriately correct a problem they will be out of business quickly. State regulations do not and cannot provide a higher level of policing; every consumer polices the supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

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From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:18 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: FW: IRRC Website - New Message

From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:58 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Kate

Last Name: Etter

Company:

Email: ketter@oneumd.org

Subject: Milk Regulation Hearing

Message:
My name is Kate Etter, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Philip

Last Name: Glatfelter

Company:

Email: pglat_1958@epix.net

Subject: Reg #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

Message:
My name is Philip Glatfelter. I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I'm an an intelligent consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is with the large corporate farms and processors who do not personally market directly to individual consumers. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected. Sincerely, Philip Glatfelter Benton, PA

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Judith Cahow [cahowclan4@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 1:37 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: tying the hand..

Tying the hand that feeds you will always lead to destruction.
Don't stop the raw milk in your state from being offered to those who demand it.
You will cause a dominoe effect which will create untold hardship in a time of economic nightmare.
Keep it available & you will prosper beyond the hardships we face.
A raw milk drinker~ah the beauty of freedom!

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Judith Ann

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Cooper, Kathy

From: REX HAND [rkhand@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 1:26 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: proposed regulation #2777

I writing to urge the IRRC committe to oppose this legislation that could harm local dairies that produce raw milk. I, countless others, care about laws in other states that would affect our ability to consume the foods we wish to consume. So I urge you to vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160." I am a raw milk consumer in California. It would be devastating if the people's right to consume fresh foods was abated. Please consider your vote carefully.

Thank you,

Rexford Hand Jr.
California resident

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 1:26 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: FW: IRRC Website - New Message

From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 1:25 PM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Bonnie

Last Name: McClellan

Company:

Email: mccbonnie@verizon.net

Subject: pending milk legislation Oct 7

Message:
My name is Bonnie McClellan. Due to significant health issues with pastuerized milk products, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am a discriminating consumer and don't need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market. If they provide an unsatisfactory product or fail to appropriately correct a problem they will be out of business quickly. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. Regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves a desired result. Regulation needs to focus on those operations. 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. I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected. Thank you for consideration of this request. bmc

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Cooper, Kathy

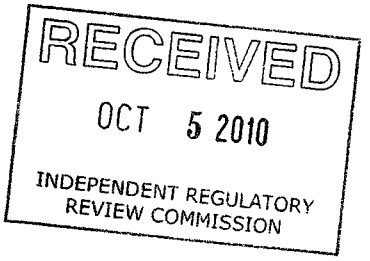
From: John Chisholm [Jchism824@bellsouth.net] on behalf of chisvend@bellsouth.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 1:58 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

This email is to respectfully request your rejection of proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation.

Addressing milk safety issues (that are caused almost exclusively by large factory farming operations) by mandating procedures that can be afforded only by high-volume producers (i.e., factory farming operations) is tantamount to requiring that all milk be produced by the type of operations that are the source of the problems.

If food safety really is the concern, rather than outlawing competition from the small producers of superior quality milk, then mandate measurable standards for the milk itself, the end-product of the dairy operations. This would be far simpler and do far more to ensure safety than dictating the details of an operation's layout and equipment (which in themselves would not guarantee milk safety).

Sincerely,
John Chisholm



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Cooper, Kathy

From: Teresa Boshears [nuttyneighbor@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 1:46 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw milk: Give us a break, it is difficult enough to find raw milk!!!

My name is Teresa Boshears and I am a raw milk consumer and I purchase my milk from Apple Valley Farms in East Berlin. I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral.
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Teresa Boshears
Maryland

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Cooper, Kathy

From: mtnhideout@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 1:43 PM
To: IRRC

I oppose the proposed the milk regulations and request that the IRRC vote to DISAPPROVE proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160.
I am a farmer who wants there to be less regulations on small, local farms since they have an excellent track record.
Thanks,
Dave
Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

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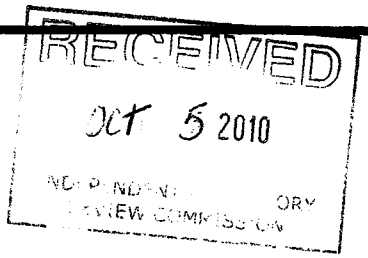
Cooper, Kathy



From: Maggie Burgisser [healthyimagesllc@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 1:41 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Proposed regulation #2777

Dear Sirs;

I urge you to Disapprove proposed regulation #2777. I am an advocate of the benefits of raw milk, an important source of nutrients.

Warm regards,
Maggie Burgisser, RDH, MAA, CC, CFSP
HealthyImagesLLC@comcast.net
Tel: 856-229-7455

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Marie Kelly [mariepientakelly@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:17 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: DISAPPROVE 2777

I have been a consumer of raw milk in the state of PA for five years and I strongly oppose the proposed milk regulations. I am requesting that you vote to DISAPPROVE proposed regulation #2777 Dept of Agriculture 2-160.

Thank you,

Marie Kelly
24 Woodside Ave
Narberth, PA 19072

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From: Sylvia Frisch [sylviafrisch@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 11:06 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Milk Sanitation legislation

Importance: High

My name is Sylvia Frisch, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Sylvia

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Cooper, Kathy

From: "Kathleen F. Łópez" [kf.lopez@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:15 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw milk regulations

Please count me as adding my voice to those who request that you DISAPPROVE of proposed regulation #2777, Dept. of Agriculture 2-160 which would limit raw milk availability.

Thank you,

Kathleen Lopez
Havertown, Pennsylvania.

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RE: PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2010 10:00 a.m. 14th Floor Conference Room 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Bill Chirdon and IRRC Chariman and Board:

I completely understand the risks and benefits of using raw milk, raw cream, raw yogurt, raw butter, raw cheeses and aged cheeses etc. as a local community member of Communities Alliance for Responsible EcoFarming, hereafter C.A.R.E., here in Lancaster county, Pa.

I am a strong supporter of Pennsylvania Citizens and small farmers exercising our God-given freedoms which this bill, as written will further destroy. Over the years, I have become lactose intolerant, except when I drink high quality raw milk from grass-fed cows, from local farmers, which this legislation does not address. It appears that grass fed or grass hay-fed animals are not mandated by this bill in § 59a 406. By allowing grain fed, or silage fed animals to produce raw milk, this is more dangerous, and part of the reason there may be so many PDA-licensed raw milk holders with bacteria problems being shut down. Only grass-fed has been documented to be more healthy for cows and people as silage and fermented animal feeds change the chemical composition of milk to something less-safe. I believe by passing the proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation that the COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, IRRC and the PDA will be responsible for allowing an inferior product to enter the public market than I receive from my un-licensed small farmer friends, under private contract, and not under public protection. You will also be further disadvantaging the corporate farms and encouraging them to violate natures good intent for healthy animal food by not stipulating a grass-fed requirement.

Respectfully, if proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation goes through that it could force farmers and myself (or encourage government employees) to violate our deeply held religious beliefs, God-given duties, rights and responsibilities, our contractual agreements, Constitutionally protected Rights, now or in the future, in regards to testing for TB as current NAIS regulations interfere with many small Anabaptist and other religious groups religious beliefs.
Also, unless you have each personally read this whole document, and understand AND AGREE WITH every section of it, which is what you are paid to do, I WOULD NOT PASS THIS LEGISLATION AS IT IS WRITTEN-IT IS A DISASTER TO SMALL FARMS. It is complicated, wordy and excessive State regulation cannot provide a higher level of protection that we currently enjoy.

Furthermore it violates the most rudimentary Intent of the original milk laws as proposed by Pennsylvania in the early 1900's. Government should be involved is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but instead are corporations selling in the public sector. This legislation does not distinguish between small private farms and local on farm sales, and it should.

THESE SMALL PRIVATE FARMS, AND PRIVATE BUYING GROUPS (LIKE C.A.R.E., or other Private Clubs) SHOULD BE EXCEPTED OUT OF THIS LEGISLATION. IF YOU HAVE APPLICABLE LAW THAT SAYS THEY SHOULD NOT BE EXCEPTED OUT OF THIS LEGISLATION, PLEASE SEND IT TO ME BEFORE THE HEARING SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS IT THEN, OR POSTPONE THE VOTE UNTIL YOU ALLOW FOR A SECOND HEARING SINCE YOU DID NOT GIVE ADAQUATE NOTICE ON THIS ONE

These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation MUST BE REJECTED.
KIND REGARDS,

Jim Schlosser, CARE Member ***CONTACT ME @ excellence@hydrosoft.net***

Cooper, Kathy

From: Jason Wright [jkwright73@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:12 AM
To: IRRC

My name is Jason Wright I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I don't need your regulations to protect me from my raw milk producer. I am safer buying milk from my raw milk producer than I am from my local grocery store were the milk is more subject to being rancid. I visit the raw milk producer directly and I will see any safety problems long before you can see the problems from the comercial producer. Please don't take away my freedom to chose what foods I consume.

Thankyou!

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From: MICHAEL GEORGE [mikegeorge@copper.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:12 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Please REJECT #2777 Dept. of Ag 2-160: Milk Sanitation

RE: #2777 Dept. Of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation

I respectfully ask that you REJECT the proposed regulation #2777 Dept. Of Ag 2-160: Milk Sanitation.

These proposed regulations are a burdensome and unnecessary method for protecting the public health. It will subject raw milk producers to unnecessary expenses that will make it financially difficult to continue in business.

Requiring a bottling machine and separate rooms for bottling operations are unnecessary to safeguard our raw milk products. This requirement will hurt my local farmer.

My family loves our raw milk. Because we know the farmer, we know the milk is clean and safe. I make sure of that --- and the farmer knows I'm watching. It 's because he's a small farmer. If he provides an unsatisfactory product he would be out of business quickly.

Even though I do not live in Pennsylvania, I care a great deal about this issue because PA is a model raw milk state for the rest of the nation. What happens in PA could eventually impact other states.

My point: I can watch the quality of my raw milk much better than a government regulation. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations. Large corporations are more complex, problems are much more far-reaching, and I have no direct meaningful recourse of these is a problem. Yes, as a consumer, I need governmental help with the large, impersonal food corporations. However, I DO NOT need government with my local farmer who I personally supervise in a way that is much better than the government can do.

Please work on a much simpler approach of performance standards -- protecting the end result -- instead of requiring methods or processes that could be detrimental to the small farmer.

Thank you for all your efforts to make our world a better place. But please, don't fix what isn't broke in regard to raw milk.

Michael George'
6069 Wiatt Street
Gloucester, VA 23061

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Cooper, Kathy

From: notify@yahoogroups.com on behalf of Kathy [kathycoyle@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:12 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: please DISAPPROVE proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

My name is Katherine Coyle, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

Signed
Katherine Coyle
32 East Lake Blvd.
Morristown, NJ 07960

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Emil Svetahor [esvetahor@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:12 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: proposed regulation #2777

To Whom It May Concern,

I am requesting that you vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

This proposed regulation is excessive and will hurt the raw milk industry in PA. The raw milk industry in PA is a model for the rest of the country.

I enjoy the many health benefits of drinking raw milk, not to mention the wonderful taste. I will not drink pasteurized milk as it is harmful to one's health. I quit drinking pasteurized milk years ago and I have never felt better.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Emil Svetahor

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Susan Munoz [skmunoz@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:12 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: REGULATION #2777 -DISAPPROVE!!!!

Raw milk from cows feeding off of green grass IS NOT dangerous!
Please DISAPPROVE proposed regulation #2777. I beg the question, how much money are the big ag, big dairy paying the powers that be to outlaw raw milk.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Peter Javsicas [jaypeejay@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:14 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Don't block raw milk

Please realize that raw milk when properly handled is perfectly safe.

We raised our children on raw goat's milk right here in Pennsylvania.

John Peter Javsicas
7130 Cresheim Rd.
Philadlephia, PA 19119
215 247-0457

Cooper, Kathy

From: Louise Kennedy [louannkennedy@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:11 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation

My name is Louise Kennedy, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation.

I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. If they provide an unsatisfactory product or fail to appropriately correct a problem they will be out of business quickly. State regulation does not and cannot provide a higher level of policing. Each consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. We need government involvement when the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but non-human corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those profit-centered operations not working to put our neighbors out of business who provide us a nutrient dense, healthy food free of profit-centered tampering.

Although some regulations of profit-centerd, non-human corporate entities are necessary, the regulation could be simpler if they were performance standards, requiring 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary targeting those who have the most to lose. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected. Support your farmer, support your people, support those whose health depend on the small farmers who can provide us healthy raw milk.

Louise A. Kennedy
hm: 360-658-5159 cell: 206-660-7854

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Rebecca Weissman [rweissman3@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:11 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Disapprove regulation #2777

Please disapprove regulation # 2777. I am both a nutritionist and child developemnt specialist. Many many children, including my own will lose their last possible dairy supply. The lack of enzymes in the pastueized milk make it impossible for some people to digest. We get our dairy from PA. Thank you!!! Rebecca Weissman Falls Church VA.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Kortney Brown [kbrown@schnabel-eng.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:07 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: VOTE NO On Raw Milk Legislation

My name is Kortney Brown,
I am a raw milk consumer in PA and I respectfully request that you **reject** proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation.

I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer. If they provide an unsatisfactory product or fail to appropriately correct a problem they will be out of business quickly. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Again, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

Respectfully,
Kortney Brown
215 Charles St.
King of Prussia PA

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W Kortney Brown, EIT / Senior Staff

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The Zweig Letter, 2009 Hot Firm List / CE News, Best Civil Engineering Firms To Work For 2009

Please consider the environment before printing this message.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: roger reynolds [randkreynolds@usa.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:07 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: raw milk

Please do not shut down the production of raw milk in PA. As a 69 year old health avocate I buy raw milk and find that I am far healthier fromm drinking raw milk. Also, as a student of the history of raw milk, the reason for regulating raw milk does NOT comply with the good health of the public.

About 150 years many dairy farms were unsanitary, especially near the biggest cities. BUT, in today's world good sanitary conditions CAN be regulated. Rather than shutting down the publics ability do consume what they want, in my opinion, your proper job would be to make sure the farmer produces raw milk in a clean enviornment.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Keitmr@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:07 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Proposed Regulation #2777

My name is Keith L. Marquis, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation # 2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer, former dairy farmer, currently deliver raw milk to various milk plants throughout the Northeast and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors, but rather corporations created by the state. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Again, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Stone Creek Farm [rmk1977@epix.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:06 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: raw milk in pa

I oppose the raw milk regulations and request that you vote to disapprove proposed regulation #2777 Department of agriculture 2-160.
I am a raw milk consumer and our family will drink nothing else.
We do not need protection from our farmer.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Matey Kemmerer

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Cooper, Kathy

From: the navarretes [thenavarretes@rstarmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:05 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Please disapprove proposed regulation #2777 Dept of Agriculture 2-160

I respectfully oppose the proposed milk regulations and I request that the IRRC vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

Even though I am not a PA resident, I am a raw milk activist in my own state. I care about this issue because PA is a model raw milk state for the rest of the nation.

Sincerely,
Christina Navarrete
Virginia

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Cooper, Kathy

From: john eisenstein [jadefamilyfarm@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:04 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: proposed regulation # 2777

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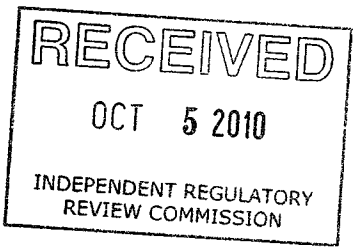

Please vote to disapprove proposed regulation # 2777 Dept. of Agriculture 2-160.

Thank you

John and Dana Eisenstein

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Claudia Reitz [creitz@hwhlawyers.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:04 AM
To: IRRC

I oppose the new milk regulations and ask that you vote to DISAPPROVE > "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160." Thank you. Raw milk is an essential nutrition element in out daily diet.

Claudia Reitz, Paralegal
HARMAN, WARREN & HARRIS
550 North 31st Street, Suite 250
Billings, MT 59101
Phone: (406)294-2000
Fax: (406)294-2010

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Peter Demchur [goatfarmer1@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:02 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Fwd: DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

----- Original Message -----
From: Theresa Burock
To: irrc@irrc.state.pa.us
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 9:10 AM
Subject: DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

Gentlemen:

My name is Pete Demchur
. 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,

Pete Demchur

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Barbara Moore [bobbiemoore@live.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:45 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: #2777

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Barbara Moore and I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.
Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

Barbara Moore 301-523-7297

"Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain."

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Cooper, Kathy

From: sweetwren1@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:43 AM
To: IRRC

My name is Karen McLeod, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Respecfully,

Karen McLeod

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From: Sharon Black [orangatango@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:43 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: #2777- please reject

My name is Sharon Black.

I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options.

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Again, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

Yours,
Sharon Black

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Cooper, Kathy

From: michael olesky [mmolesky@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:43 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: "NO" to #2777 Dept. of Agric. 2-160: Milk Sanitation

My name is Michael Olesky, both my wife Michele and I are raw milk (real milk) consumers and I request that you reject the proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am a professional, health-minded consumer that does not require protection from my farmer or local market. Small local farmers are what this state and this country need to improve not just the economic health of the country but also the physical and mental health of its citizens. Food safety is not size neutral. I trust my farmer, I have visited my farmer and broken bread with my farmer and his family. He knows what I want and and as long as he provides it, I stay fed and he makes money. Large corporations do not have this relationship with its customers. If they did we would not have the vast number of food recalls due to companies cutting corners and not really caring about the health of the consumer.

I do not believe any regulation that makes it more difficult for a small local farmer to supply real heathy whole food to a customer is in the state's best interest. It is surely not in mine. I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

Thank you for your time,

Michael Olesky

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Cooper, Kathy

From: B. Neville [bneville10@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:43 AM
To: IRRC; wchirdon@state.pa.us
Subject: Rawn Milk proposal #2777

My name is Boel Neville, I am a raw milk supporter and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am a discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market. If they provide an unsatisfactory product or fail to appropriately correct a problem they will be out of business quickly. State regulations do not and cannot provide a higher level of policing; every consumer polices the supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Zalene C. Corey [zccorey@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:52 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: raw milk

Dear IRRC,

My name is Zalene C. Corey. I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you **reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160:** Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Sincerely,
Zalene C. Corey

610. 933.2451(h)

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Gary Via [garyva@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:41 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

Dear Sir:

I buy raw milk products in the state of Pennsylvania. I consider these products to be essential to my health. I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and have the capability to determine the value and safety of any products I might purchase from Pennsylvania famers and/or markets. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options.

Government intervention is needed only in regard to corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations and require that the end product achieves 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.

Please vote to disapprove proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160, an onerous and unnecessary regulation which will hurt the small farmers of Pennsylvania who supply raw milk products for my family.

Sincerely,

Gary Via
2401 Quaker Road
Quinton, VA 23141

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Dianne Neely [athomeatlast@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:37 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: CHANGES TO PENNSYLVANIA RAW MILK REGULATIONS

My name is Dianne Neely. I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Sincerely,

Dianne Neely

Dianne Neely
615-542-4213
"I think we have more machinery of government than is necessary, too many parasites living on the labor of the industrious." ~ Thomas Jefferson

Cooper, Kathy

From: Janice Smith [jbsmith333@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:34 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Please Disaaprove Proposed Regulation #2777 Dept. of Agriculture 2-160

I strongly urge you to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

I am a raw milk activist in your state and care about this issue because PA is a model raw milk state for the rest of the nation and what happens in PA could eventually impact other states.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Angie Chelton [ladyangie77@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:32 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation

My name is Angie Chelton, I am a raw milk consumer and **I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation**. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Angie Chelton
Aslan is on the move... ~ C. S. Lewis

Cooper, Kathy

From: lesleyjbarker [lesleyjbarker@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:31 AM
To: IRRC
Cc: David Barker
Subject: proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

Dear IRRC

I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation.

In general, I think that raw milk products are more healthy than pasteurized products. Definitely, they taste better.

A side issue is that I do not trust factory produced food, and think we should be careful not to put small farms and producers out of business.

Please reject regulation #2777, at least in it's present form.

Thank you,

Lesley Barker

lesleyjbarker@earthlink.net

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Cooper, Kathy

From: LAURIE JENKINS [northfortyfarm@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:31 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: PENDING RAW MILK LEGISLATION

To whom it may concern:
It has come to my attention that there is new legislation (Reg #2777) that will further burden raw milk producers in PA with restrictions that will be both costly and unnecessary. As a consumer of raw milk for many years I have tremendous appreciation for the farmers that continue to provide a product that is critical in my cheese making. I have never failed to be impressed with how hard the farmers work to provide a consistently high quality product produced in a manner that I find ethical and sustainable.
Pennsylvania is a leader in it's support of raw milk producers and consumers. Our state is a model for other states who seek to support the growing consumer demand for natural milk and milk products produced on a small scale with humanely treated dairy cows.
Please, do not vote to support Regulation #2777.

Thank you for your consideration of this very serious matter.

Sincerely,

Laurie Jenkins
29 West Mill Road
Flourtown, PA 19031

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From: Beth [bshea382@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:27 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Please oppose reg #2777

My name is Beth Shea, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Again, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

Beth Shea #65279;

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Anita Briner [everlastingstarflower@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:25 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw Milk Regulations

To Whom It May Concern,
I oppose the proposed the milk regulations and respectfully request that you vote to DISAPPROVE proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160. These proposed regulations have nothing to do with protecting the public health but instead subject raw milk producers to unnecessary expenses that will make it financially difficult to continue in business. Please do not put further restrictions upon raw milk suppliers in Pennsylvania.
Thank You,
Anita Briner
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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From: Lois Stickler [lestickler@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:25 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: raw milk consumption

My name is Lois Stickler, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Thank you for your consideration of this very important freedom issue, Lois Stickler

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From: Greg and Suzy Somerville [gregandsuzy@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:24 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: regulation 2777

PLEASE vote to DISAPPROVE proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160. Many people depend on raw milk and other produce of small farmers for their very health.

Sincerely,
Suzy Somerville

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Dr. Alissa Harris [drharris@harpersferry-chiropractic.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:22 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: DISAPPROVED

Please vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160." I am a physician and see everyday the benefits of raw dairy in people's diets. We are a nation that is over fed and undernourished. Please help keep one nourishing food available to the American people. Thank you for your help.

Yours in Health,

Dr. Alissa Harris

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Keko [keeperofcolors@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:22 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: I oppose the milk regulations

Good morning.

I would just like to let you know that I write on behalf of a group of consumers, and we all oppose the milk regulations and 2777.

Please do not vote for these. You would be doing your population and your state a great disservice.

Have a nice day,
-Kate Gold

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Cooper, Kathy

From: ecowden@juno.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:19 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

Please be advised I DISAPPROVE the "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

Thank you,

Ernest Cowden D.C. (ret)

Cooper, Kathy

From: John Osbon [josbon@osboncapital.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:18 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: yes to raw milk

Hello,

Keep America healthy with unprocessed food, like raw milk!

Best,

John

John F. Osbon

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From: pzaepfel@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 12:09 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: raw milk regulation

Sirs,

I oppose the proposed the milk

regulations and request that you vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777

Department of Agriculture 2-160."

Thank you

Margaret Zaepfel

8474 Chapman Rd

Gasport NY 14067

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From: Betty Wolfson [bettywolfson@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 12:08 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Milk Sanitation

My name is Betty Wolfson, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Again, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

Thank you,

Betty Wolfson

Cooper, Kathy

From: Angela Brenneman [angelabrenneman@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:58 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation

Greetings:

For the record, I do not live in Pennsylvania but rather visit family there quite frequently. We are thrilled to be able to buy raw milk when in PA as that is what we consume at home in California. I am a strong believer in locally-, humanely-, sustainably-produced healthy traditional foods, and in people being able to make choices about the foods they eat and feed their families. We have chosen raw milk for over 10 years with no ill effect.

I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. Consumers of raw dairy products are well-informed people, and do not need protection from the farmer-neighbor or local market or store. Currently Pennsylvania is a model raw milk state for the rest of the nation and what happens in PA could eventually impact other states.

With the horrendous lack of oversight on the part of federal and state agencies in the monitoring of agribusiness, I would propose that your legislation needs to focus on those organizations, and not small farmers providing healthy products to their neighbors.

Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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The proposed regulation is excessive, invasive, unrealistic, onerous and unnecessary. Please reject it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Angela Brenneman

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Sylvia Pisarski Onusic [sponusic128@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:57 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Fw: Vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

My name is Sylvia Onusic and I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer, PhD, and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Sincerely,

Sylvia P. Onusic, PhD

Nutrition

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Bashar BALKAR [cjbal32@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:57 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: FW: Milk Regulation Hearing URGENT

I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Respectfully,
Bachar Balkar

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Cooper, Kathy

From: MC5393@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 12:45 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw Milk

My name is Marge Cantu, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Marge Cantu
Warren, Michigan

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Farm To You [farmtoyou@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 12:44 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Proposed Reg #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: VOTE NO!

Importance: High

Dear Sir or Madam,

I urge the IRRC to reject proposed regulation 2777 (Dept. of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation), in that it imposes unnecessary burdens on producers of raw milk, and restrains consumer choice.

Consumers deserve to have freedom of choice when it comes to food. In direct farmer-consumer transactions, the consumer is the regulator. The consumer has the opportunity to know his or her farmer, and decide whether to buy food from that farmer. Farmers whose practices are unclean or otherwise unappealing will not have customers, and will go out of business. Simple. No government regulation is necessary (which is not to say government can't intervene if complaints or problems arise).

Contrast this situation with the faceless, nameless, factory-produced food available in the supermarket. The consumer has no such opportunity to engage with the producer. These are the products on which regulators should be focusing their limited resources.

Regulators (with the visible, vocal, and "difficult to resist" support of agribusiness), succumb to the appeal of "one size fits all" regulation. This approach has had disastrous effects on small family farms and the availability of clean, local food for consumers. (This is ironic given the regulators' mandate to insure a supply of "safe" food.) Agribusiness will otherwise cry foul and complain about the lack of a "level playing field."

Small farms and agribusiness are not on the same playing field, let alone the same game. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

I encourage the IRRC to recognize this distinction and resist the temptation to engage in "broad brush" rulemaking.

I encourage members of the IRRC to ask themselves whether regulating small producers is likely to improve safety or will simply limit consumer access to wholesome food.

I encourage the IRRC to craft regulation that will preserve Pennsylvania's position as a leader in protecting consumer choice, and serve as a model for other states.

Many thanks for your efforts in resisting the insistent attempts of outside interests to eliminate wholesome foods from the market.

Tara Miller
Lexington, Virginia

540-460-2990

Cooper, Kathy

From: lndstaz@juno.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 12:31 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Reg. #2777, Dept. of Ag 2-160: Milk Sanitation

Dear IRRC Commission Members,

I am a raw milk consumer and I rely on raw milk for my health and well being, as well as that of my family. I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. Due to the fact that I have 2 young children I thoroughly researched the pros and cons of raw milk, as well as access to obtaining it. I am confident that I do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. I am certain that if they provide an unsatisfactory product or fail to appropriately correct a problem they will be out of business quickly. Therefore, State regulation does not and cannot provide a higher level of policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. This is the cornerstone of our free market system...this is what our country was built on. Government involvement is most needed where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Again, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. I believe these flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

Warm Regards,

Laurie Staszak
Raw Milk Drinker/Advocate & Mother of 2

"The most wasted of all days is that during which one has not laughed."
-Nicolas De Chamfort

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Cooper, Kathy

From: James Paris [jimeli91@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 12:27 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw Milk Regs

Good day,

My name is James Paris, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you **reject** proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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James Paris

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Edward Mulligan [emullie@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 12:22 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: PROPOSED REGULATION #2777 DEPT OF AGRICULTYRE 2-160

My name is _EDWARD F MULLIGAN_____, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Karen Spirer [khws22@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:55 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."
Please do not vote thi regulation in. You will be depriving us of our choice to freely enjoy vital raw milk products and help to destroy the last vestiges of true organic farmering and farmers.
Thank you for this consideration

Sent from my iPhone

Karen W. Spirer
Certified Holistic Chef (ACCET)
karenwspirer@gmail.com
914.310.2949

"Life in All Its Fullness is Mother Nature Obeyed"~ Dr. Weston A. Price

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Kaufman, Kim
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:54 AM
To: IRRC
Cc: Schalles, Scott R.; Totino, Michaele; Wilmarth, Fiona E.; Miller, Sarah E.
Subject: FW: CARE MEMBER

Embargoed

From: Tara Rowan [mailto:bluejayproduction@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:52 AM
To: Kaufman, Kim
Subject: CARE MEMBER

Dear fellow:

*My name is **Mason Rowan**, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.*

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Respectfully,

Mason Rowan

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Katarina Bergh [kbergh@rcn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:52 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Proposed Regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to request that the IRRC opposes the proposed the milk regulations and to request that the IRRC vote to DISAPPROVE proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160.

I am a raw milk consumer in Massachusetts. I am aware that Pennsylvania is considered by some to be "America's raw dairyland", given that it has 36 licensed raw dairy farms and 40 applications pending.

I am concerned that the proposed regulations would severely impact the ability of raw milk producers in the state to make a living. I also believe that the decision whether to approve it may impact other states, including Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Katarina Bergh
Somerville, MA

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From: Kaufman, Kim
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:52 AM
To: IRRC
Cc: Schalles, Scott R.; Totino, Michaele; Wilmarth, Fiona E.; Miller, Sarah E.
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From: Tara Rowan [mailto:bluejayproduction@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:51 AM
To: Kaufman, Kim
Subject: CARE MEMBER

Dear fellow:

*My name is **Mylan Rowan**, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.*

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Respectfully,

Mylan Rowan

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Respectfully,

Maverick Rowan

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Cooper, Kathy

From: icok [icok@hughes.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 2:27 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: raw milk

As a former resident of PA and a caring person I oppose the proposed the milk regulations that you are planning to vote into effect in the next day or two. The "proposed regulation is #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."
Any thinking person knows why you are doing this. You are doing it to protect the milk corporations from even a tiny lose of money from the raw milk producers in PA. You have no more integrity than the milk corporations that are killing and/or causing poor health in the US from pasteurized milk.
If we had raw milk, non chemical agriculture, not toxic chemical food manufacturing 50 % of the disease in the US would be gone in 6 months or less.
Heart disease, high blood pressure, cancer, obesity, and type 2 diabetes is being caused by people like you and the government protected corporate structure. Money is more important than the people being killed by terrible food. There is no integrity in government and corporations in the USA.
Robert D Bard, OD

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Erik Von Kiel [evk7@ptd.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2001 10:56 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: raw milk in pa

leave are raw milk alone you swine. We but up with enough of you dam regulations and taxes. Get a life. leave us alone. Raw milk is safe and farmers have enough regs and consumer dont need any more regs or interferences in obtaining it. I live in pa all my life and drank raw milk all my life and i am doing fine. Your in bed with the milk cartel and pretend your are increasing safety. Neither the farmers or the raw milk consumers want your dam help (absolute sabitage in reality). get out of are lives. Now you are again trying to interfere with are food supply. Go to hell.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Kaufman, Kim
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:50 AM
To: IRRC
Cc: Schalles, Scott R.; Totino, Michaele; Wilmarth, Fiona E.; Miller, Sarah E.
Subject: FW: CARE MEMBER

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From: Tara Rowan [mailto:bluejayproduction@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:49 AM
To: Kaufman, Kim
Subject: CARE MEMBER

Dear fellow:

*My name is **Tara Rowan**, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.*

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Respectfully,

Tara Rowan

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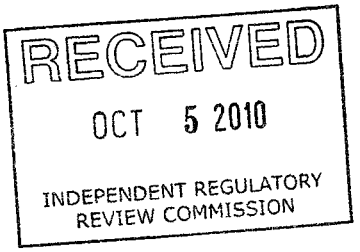
Cooper, Kathy

From: Beth Westra [mlmnttlkr@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 9:21 AM
To: IRRC

I'm happy that PA allows the sale of raw milk and wouldn't want that to change. Please vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

Beth Duncan
Phoenixville, PA



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From: Tara Rowan [mailto:bluejayproduction@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:47 AM
To: Kaufman, Kim
Cc: Caldwell Farms
Subject: CARE MEMBER

Dear fellow:

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Respectfully,

Ron Rowan

Cooper, Kathy

From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:18 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: FW: IRRC Website - New Message

From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:51 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Therese

Last Name: Lipovsky

Company:

Email: Thelipovskys@yahoo.com

Subject: Regulation #2777

Message:
3401 Rosemary Lane Hyattsville, MD 20782 October 5, 2010 Kim Kaufman Executive Director 333 Market Street, 14th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101 Dear Ms. Kaufman, I am a raw milk consumer. My father is and has been in his youth a raw milk consumer. He was in his youth a raw milk producer. He is the picture of health at 85 years old. My grandfather was a raw milk consumer and producer. My Great grandfather and great uncles were raw milk producers. They had lots of healthy children and grandchildren and grand nieces. We as a family respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. We are intelligent, discriminating consumers and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive,

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Sincerely, Therese M. Lipovsky

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From: FTCLDF President [president@farmtoconsumer.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:04 AM
To: IRRC
Cc: pete@ftcldf.org
Subject: sent earlier - Disapprove proposed regulations, #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160
Attachments: Ltrto IRRC 2777 Disapprove.pdf

Categories: Red Category

The text of the attached letter was emailed through the IRRC portal before 10 a.m. Eastern. Attached is the formal letter for your records.

Thanks again for your consideration,

Pete Kennedy, Esq. - President
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Pennsylvania IRRC
Email: irrc@irrc.state.pa.us
Fax: (717)783-2664

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Pete Kennedy. I am president of the Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund, an organization that is designed to protect the right of farmers and consumers to engage in direct commerce. We have a number of members who are raw milk producers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I am writing to ask you to vote to disapprove the proposed regulations, #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160.

Proposed regulations will economically burden raw milk producers without benefitting the public health. Most notably, the requirement to have a mechanical bottling machine and a separate room for bottling will cost producers significant amounts of money; many producers currently bottle and handcap in the milk room. There has been no record of any food safety problems having occurred because of this practice. This is a process-oriented requirement and has no bearing on a producer's ability to produce a safe, quality product.

In addition to the bottling requirements, the proposed regulations would impose further cost on producers by requiring them to pay for pathogen testing which is currently mandated to take place twice a year. Up to now, the commonwealth has been paying for the pathogen testing and that should continue. In these economically difficult times, producers should not be required to incur this expense; the cost of testing for four pathogens twice a year is significant.

Finally, the proposed regulations would give the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) the power to destroy milk or milk products without a court order. Unfortunately in Pennsylvania, the situation exists in which the department has suspended the permits of producers for positive pathogen tests without in fact knowing whether the product was in fact harmful to human health. Pathogens--such as *Listeria monocytogenes*--that the department tests for have many benign strains that pose no risk to human health. If PDA wants to destroy product from batches of raw milk or raw cheese that have tested positive for a pathogen, the producer should at least have the opportunity for a hearing so it can be determined whether the pathogen was in fact harmful to human health and therefore adulterated.

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Disapprove proposed regulations #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

October 5, 2010

I hope you realize the damaging effect these proposed regulations would have on raw milk producers to make a living. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pete Kennedy

Pete Kennedy, President

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Clare Maher [clare786@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:34 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: STOP regulation #2777 !!!!

Dear PA agriculture,

I oppose the proposed the milk regulations and request that you vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

Thanks,

~ Clare Maher
Philadelphia, PA 19128

Raw milk is healthy because it contains good bacteria, enzymes and raw fats that help to boost your immune system and aid digestion. Both anecdotal and scientific reports also support the health benefits. For instance, a study by researchers at the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine at the University of Basel in Switzerland found that children who drank raw milk had a lower risk of asthma and allergies.

Raw milk can be sold for human consumption in 28 states, but only eight states allow it to be sold in stores. As a result, many people have begun to form buying clubs that buy raw milk directly from the dairy.

Sources:

- The Boston Globe February 23, 2008

Were You Aware... 80% of Your Immune System is Located in Your Digestive System?

So, to effectively promote your immune system health, you need to look no further than your intestinal tract. Probiotics (Greek "for life') can be a great way to start promoting your digestive health and overall health as well.

There really is no comparison, in taste or nutrition, between a glass of raw milk and a glass of pasteurized milk. The raw milk will always trump the pasteurized version.

Why, then, does the FDA continue to warn Americans that drinking raw milk is like "playing Russian Roulette with your health?"

Well, I'm assuming they're referring to the milk that comes out of most commercial dairies (the ones from which they recommend you get your milk). Well, here is a brief description from The Humane Society of the United States (whose undercover video also recently prompted the largest beef recall in U.S. history) about what these factory-farm dairies are really like:

> *"Factory farmed dairy cows are typically kept in indoor stalls or on drylots. A drylot is an outdoor enclosure devoid of grass. Cows raised on drylots usually have no protection from inclement weather, nor are they provided with any bedding or a clean place to rest.*
> *Drylots can hold thousands of cows at one time. Because these lots are only completely cleaned out once -- or at the most, twice -- a year, the filth just keeps building up. Such conditions are not only extremely stressful for the cows, they also facilitate the spread of disease."*

Now, if you were to drink milk from THESE cows prior to it being pasteurized, well, then the FDA may have a point comparing it to "Russian roulette."

Of course, this is not what I, nor any other raw milk advocate, is suggesting when they recommend drinking raw milk. The milk you drink is only going to be as healthy as the cow that produces it. So the raw milk you obtain should come from a clean, well-run, farm that gives its cows access to pasture. It is a rare occasion that milk from a healthy cow such as this would make you sick.

On the contrary, raw grass fed milk is full of things that your body will thrive on: good bacteria, raw fat, cancer-fighting conjugated linoleic acid (CLA), and much more. It is not uncommon for people who drink raw milk to

report that many health issues -- n allergies to digestive trouble to skin ues like eczema -- clear up. **(Dr. Mercola)**

Around the world, there is a growing movement to pull back from the relentless march of corporate globalisation by re-rooting economic and social activities at the community level...to build sustainable, local alternatives. — Anna White, "**Why Local Economies Matter**" ...*http://carolynbaker.net/content/view/1708/1*

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From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:51 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: FW: IRRC Website - New Message

From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:51 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Wanda

Last Name: Bahamundi

Company:

Email: ibahamundi@msn.com

Subject: Reject Regulation #2777

Message:
I Wanda Bahamundi am a raw milk consumer, i am requesting that all parties involved reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I do not need protection from my farmer, it is i who freely decide whether or not a certain food may or may not be safe for me, just like when i decide to buy processed foods with bad for your health ingredients. Raw milk is my native food, i was raised drinking it on my grandfathers back yard. With his own hands he would milk the only cow he had and give the milk to my grandmother to serve the family. I now have three children all under three who drink this dynamic food, none who have ever been sick " thank God" and its a fact its the way we eat. I am a successful business woman of sound mind, have done tremendous research on our food source and know that if my farmer provides an unsatisfactory product or fail to correct a problem it will be not only my or the farmers problem but everyone else who the farmer deals with.Every consumer polices its supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. The democracy that i was promised in america is very thin, our freedom of speech is on its limbs, i am a law obeying citizen born in the USA who is involved in many of todays issues. For as much democracy as america has promised me each time i see it all being taken away, my food is my survival, it is the last thing i would have thought the government would want control of, the food that keeps my heart beating in good health, the food that makes it possible for me to think straight, i love that i can buy food direct from farmers without third parties involved, it is safer that way, my family and i are one to prove it, my medical records are one to prove it. This regulation is unnecessary, there are bigger issues in the world today, however there should be stricter regulations on pasteurized milk, its a shame how corporations are able to get away with

putting more and more bad for y[illegible]ealth ingredients and adults and chil[illegible] alike drink this liquid, it makes me so mad when children get sick from the less ideal drink of pasteurized milk or other less ideal foods and yet these companies still stay in business. We teach our children to try something new before knocking it down, or keep trying never give up, i invite those who try to take away our God given foods that are closest to nature and try them. These foods are very important to me for my children's health is at stake here, in my opinion you have to see it to believe it, please reject this unnecessary regulation for my children's human right to eat and drink there native foods in the America that promised us democracy. Sincerly Wanda Bahamundi

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From: Laraine Abbey-Katzev <marevivo@aol.com>

To: irrc@irrc.state.pa.us

Bcc: [redacted]

Subject: Raw Milk

Date: Tue, Oct 5, 2010 11:50 am

To: The Pennsylvania Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) in response to an alert from the WestonAPrice.org:

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Please vote against proposals which limit raw milk and raw cheese access--it is the way of the future.

Thank-you for your help.
Laraine C. Abbey RN CNS
President/Founder
BetterFoodForBetterKids.org

PS: We need to focus regulation upon large scale factory farming and confined animal feeding operations (CAFO's) which are producing "dirty food". It is this "dirty food" that is the problem. The proposed solution of **food irradiation** to kill the organisms so rampant from this type of farming and food management **will destroy our health** because it destroys all enzymes in food. **No enzymes, no life.**

For my BCC's (blind copies): If you see fit, please forward this email to others who will benefit from this knowledge.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 2:33 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: FW: IRRC Website - New Message

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Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 2:33 PM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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First Name: Jay

Last Name: McMurdy

Company:

Email: nandadme@hotmail.com

Subject: #2777

Message:
My name is Jay McMurdy, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

Cooper, Kathy

From: Agnes Refice [arefice@paaio.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 2:32 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Regulation #2777 Dept. of Agric. 2-160

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that as a resident of PA, I am opposed to the proposed milk regulations, and I am requesting that you vote to disapprove "proposed regulation #2777 Dept. of Agriculture 2-160'.

Thank you.

Agnes Refice

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Will Piersol [willpiersol@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 1:23 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: raw milk regulations

To whom it may concern,
My family has been a long-time consumer of raw milk and it has had numerous benefits for myself, wife, and children. We understand the risks (which are minimal when you know your vendor) and not dissimilar from drinking industrial dairy milk (which has had its own occasional issues). The fear of raw milk is based on 100-yr old conclusions that misunderstood the original problem from the beginning.

Denying my family the right to drink raw milk is to deny us our freedoms. It's just wrong. And denying farmers the right to sell a safe product which has strong demand is also wrong.

Please reconsider your stance on this bill.

BRgds,
Will Piersol

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Deborah Watkins [debeee19@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 1:16 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: regulation #2777 Dept. of Ag 2-160

IRRC,

I am a raw milk advocate from the state of California. I want to request that you vote to DISAPPROVE the proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160. My state will be influenced by this vote as we watch the decisions made in Pennsylvania.

Respectfully,

Deborah A. Watkins

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Sheila Donohue [sheila@nourishedbynature.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 1:07 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

Hello - I am a raw milk activist in the state of Illinois. Raw milk production is an economic boon for your state and could be for other states.

Raw milk producers need to stay in herd sizes under 100 animals and then most of the risk will be abated. And people need to get this milk directly from the farmer.

Those 2 principals **will have more impact** than any other rule that could be imposed.

Raw milk producers have a BUILT IN reason to have top notch standards.
Their customer base disintegrates if they don't.

Your state does has a thriving small business engine already working well centered on Raw Dairy. The rest of the country looks to Pennsylvania. If the state of Wisconsin could adopt your policies, their would be 5000 people employed by small dairies in a matter of 2 years. It's small business at its best. Ask you politicians whether they want job creation in your state, before you consider changing these laws.

Don't screw up Pennsylvania.

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Gayle Loiselle, Small Farm Owner and Activist
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From: Don E Madden [peacedog2@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 1:05 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: support for raw milk producers and users!

Hi, I am a raw milk drinker and benefiter and supporter of the right to provide and sell raw milk to the public. Don't let the pastuerized milk producers squeeze out their competition. thank you. Don Madden Grass Valley, California 10/5-10

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Kim Paynter [texicana@satx.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 1:04 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: re: proposed milk regulations

I oppose the proposed the milk regulations and request that you vote to DISAPPROVE proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160.

Kim Paynter

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Cooper, Kathy

From: monoszko@chubb.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 12:58 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Disapprove #2777 Dept. of Agriculture 2-160 Milk Sanitation

My name is Marie Onoszko, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an educated, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Marie Onoszko
Deductible Billing Analyst II
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Cooper, Kathy

From: All Better Central [info@allbettercentral.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 12:57 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: I oppose the Milk Regulations

I am a raw milk activist in my state and I care about this issue because PA is a model raw milk state for the rest of the nation and what happens in PA could eventually impact other states. I purchase raw cow and goat milk from a reputable source weekly and have never had any health issues because of it. I enjoy it in all my beverages, baking and yogurt making.

Sincerely,

Celeste Aldridge

Cooper, Kathy

From: Andy Rowan [luna@dejazzd.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:54 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw Milk

Hello,

I am a raw milk advocate and believe farmers should not be limited in the production or selling of their product. This is a shameful act to remove farmers from doing what is best and natural. I strongly disagree with **proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160** and hope you will not approve this.

Sincerely,
Ms. Andy Rowan
Berks County

Once in a while you get shown the light
In the strangest of places if you look at it right

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President/Founder
BetterFoodForBetterKids.org

PS: We need to focus regulation upon large scale factory farming and confined animal feeding operations (CAFO's) which are producing "dirty food". It is this "dirty food" that is the problem. The proposed solution of **food irradiation** to kill the organisms so rampant from this type of farming and food management **will destroy our health** because it destroys all enzymes in food. **No enzymes, no life.**

For my BCC's (blind copies): If you see fit, please forward this email to others who will benefit from this knowledge.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:51 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: FW: IRRC Website - New Message

From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:49 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Bachar

Last Name: Balkar

Company:

Email: cjbal32@msn.com

Subject: Reject regulation #2777

Message:
I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

Cooper, Kathy

From: Jonathan [jlpettig@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:39 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777

Hello. My name is Jonathan Pettigrew, and I am writing about proposed regulation #2777, Dept of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I understand that this regulation will be under review on Thursday, October 7th, and I respectfully request that you vote **against** it. This measure assumes that the State is responsible for milk sanitation standards as performed by neighbor-farmers and local stores; however, I consider myself an intelligent, informed consumer and will personally hold my local producers accountable. Raw milk producers need not be hindered by further sanitation regulation- such measures of so-called "protection" will inevitably make it too difficult for these small farms and businesses to continue to offer milk products. Please do not let #2777 pass.

Thank you for your attention!

Sincerely,

Jonathan Pettigrew
Bellefonte, PA

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"To be alive is to be broken. To be broken is to stand in need of grace."
-B. Manning

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Kaufman, Kim
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:39 AM
To: IRRC
Cc: Schalles, Scott R.; Totino, Michaele; Miller, Sarah E.
Subject: FW: Milk Sanitation

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From: Kirstin Chiari [mailto:kgurl3@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:38 AM
To: Wilmarth, Fiona E.
Cc: Kaufman, Kim
Subject: Milk Sanitation

My name is Kirstin Whitaker, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: kdbaglady@gmail.com on behalf of Kathy Detwiler [kdetwiler1@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:33 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Please reject proposed regulation #2777 regarding Milk Sanitation

As a raw milk consumer, I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. We who buy local raw milk do not need protection from our farmer-neighbors or local market or store. Any local provider who supplies an unsatisfactory product or fails to appropriately correct a problem will be out of business quickly. At the local, individual-operator level, State regulation should not try to regulate to a higher degree of policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size-neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. State regulations need to focus on those interstate or larger operations.

State regulation could be much simpler and easier to enforce if the laws were set as performance standards, requiring that the end product achieve a desired result. How that result is achieved becomes 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.

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Sincerely,

Katherine Detwiler

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Cooper, Kathy

From: anchoracad@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:30 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: #2777

I oppose the proposed milk regulations and request that they vote to disapprove "proposed regulation #2777 Dept of Agriculture.
Thanks
Michele Fitzgerald

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:26 AM
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First Name: Albert

Last Name: Scharbach

Company:

Email: albert.scharbach@archbalt.org

Subject: Raw milk regulation

Message:
I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I respect the desire to protect consumers that may be behind this legislation, but the legislation over-reaches so as to reduce important choices for the consumer. Significant health benefits of raw milk and juices are lost through high heat pasteurization process, so it is important that consumers be able to opt for milk in its natural state. It is also important for small farms that they be able to offer this product without prohibitive cost hurdles. We hope that this legislation does not go into effect so as to penalize many farmers and consumers simply because of the abuse of a very small minority of producers. Consumer will reject those producers who to not provide a satisfactory product. Thank you for considering this aspect of the issue towards rejecting this legislation. Sincerely, Albert Scharbach

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Mary Howerton [maryh@stedwards.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 9:19 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Proposed Regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

Dear Commission members,
I oppose the proposed raw milk regulations and request that you vote to DISAPPROVE proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160.
I have the health benefits of raw milk to thank for my good health. I appreciate your consideration of this very important matter.
Sincerely,
Mary Howerton
An active healthy senior!

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Cooper, Kathy

From: April Stintzcum [valleyspungirl@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:24 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw Milk Regulation #2777

My name is April L Stintzcum, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Signed April Stintzcum

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Larry Hierman [lehierman@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:22 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Milk Sanitation

To whom it concerns,

My name is Larry Hierman, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

Although some regulations on the larger operations are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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.

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Respectfully,

Larry Hierman

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Sonia Romano [soniamr@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:22 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: leave raw milk alone!!

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to urge you to disapprove the proposed regulation #2777 Dept. of Agriculture 2-160.
I am a mom of a child who recovered from autism--and raw milk helped him immensely! And there are so many others who have gained back their speech because of raw milk--please stop the insanity and focus on something that actually is harmful like factory farms!!!
Thank you and have a wonderful day.

Sonia Romano

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From: Mary Howie [mary@howielegal.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:20 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Proposed regulation 2777

To the Pennsylvania Independent Regulatory Review Commission:

I am a raw milk activist in New Hampshire and Massachusetts and I care about this issue because PA is a model raw milk state for the rest of the nation and what happens in PA could eventually impact other states. I oppose the proposed milk regulations and request that you vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

Thank you.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Elizabeth Domnisch [edomnisch@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:19 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw Milk Legislation

My name is Elizabeth Domnisch, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Respectfully,
Elizabeth Domnisch

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Brenda Dalke-DeSteno [b.lea@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:15 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: DISAPPOROVE REGULATION #2777 DEPT OF agriculture 2-160

PLEASE vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

Brenda

Cooper, Kathy

From: Shannon Davidson [shannon@davidson.to]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:06 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw milk regs

My name is Shannon Davidson,

I am a raw milk consumer in PA and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation.

I buy raw milk products directly from small Pennsylvania farms. I do not need protection from my farmers. If they provide an unsatisfactory product or fail to appropriately correct a problem they will be out of business quickly. A flawed product on this scale will never reach the crisis level that the recent salmonella egg problem did, simply because these small producers are just that, small.

Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations reaching thousands, nay, millions of people across the country and sometimes across international borders. **Food safety is not size neutral.** The regulation needs to focus on those large operations. These are the producers who cut corners on safety to deliver mass amounts of product to anonymous people in a mixed stream of goods. They are a potential threat to the public health and are rightfully a concern to the state.

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Respectfully,
Shannon Davidson

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Nick Rumin Hotmail Account [nrumin@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:51 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: AGAINST proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation.

I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Nicholas Rumin

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Jill Deskiewicz [joyousbabe@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:56 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: don't get rid of raw milk

I am writing to request that you **vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160**

Thank you, Jill

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Cooper, Kathy

From: jmvalv@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:56 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Legislation #2777 Dept. Of Ag. 2-16

Dear Legislators,

My name is Joan Valvardi and myself and my extended family have been avid raw milk consumers for many years and am imploring you NOT to approve proposed legislation #2777 Department Of Agriculture 2-160 concerning milk sanitation as it now stands. From all of my own personal experience in all these years of enjoying all of the pleasures and health benefits of raw dairy, I have never once even remotely encountered or observed in others, a single incidence of illness connected to its consumption- in fact, just the opposite has been true in terms of enjoyment of truly robust health in all consuming parties! In addition, I have never nor ever would consider purchasing any raw milk product from anywhere but a reliable, reputable, clean, known source or farm. Nor, do I have any problem with honest, accurate testing and compliance standards for raw milk at its source, But, please do not vote for any legislation that would diminish my access to its availability by imposing unreasonable and unbearable standards and preparation regulations on the farmers that produce these products.
On behalf of myself and the multitude of other intelligent, healthy consumers, thank you so much for taking the time to hear and understand the pleas of real life consumers like myself.
Sincerely,
Joan valvardi

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Cooper, Kathy

From: rachel grimsley manriquez [rachelgrimsley@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:55 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Please stop raw milk proposed regulations

My name is Rachel G. Manriquez, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Rachel Manriquez

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Kaufman, Kim
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 2:40 PM
To: IRRC
Cc: Miller, Sarah E.; Schalles, Scott R.; Totino, Michaele
Subject: FW:

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From: NanDadMe ushere [mailto:nandadme@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 2:39 PM
To: Kaufman, Kim
Subject:

My name is Jay McMurdy, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Rebekah Kelly [rkelly@clwrg.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 8:50 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Disapprove - proposed regulation # 2777 (Dept. of Agr. 2-160)

Our family **opposes** the proposed milk regulations and we would request that you vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

Thank you,

The Kelly's

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Mark Olivetti [markolivetti@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 4:48 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Do not ban Raw milk

Raw milk has health benefits. We are a free nation. Raw milk producers have high standards of cleanliness.
Regulation is fine, but banning raw milk is not.
Mark Olivetti, DC

Sent from my iPhone

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Erin Engel [erinengel@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 4:46 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw Milk Legislation

My name is Erin Engel, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 4:40 PM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Laura

Last Name: Salisbury

Company:

Email: laura60sal@yahoo.com

Subject: Raw Milk Regulations

Message:
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First Name: NANCY

Last Name: WALSH

Company:

Email: NANCYMRTT16@AOL.COM

Subject: RAW MILK

Message:
My name is Nancy Walsh. I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Laurie Lynch [fleur.de.lys_farm@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 4:23 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw Milk Regulations

Good Afternoon,

I would like to comment on the proposed Milk Sanitation regulations.
I am a raw milk consumer in Berks County, as well as a market gardener and seller of pastured chicken eggs.

Although I agree that some official guidelines are needed for the dairy industry, I think it would be better to have meetings with PDA, farmers, and consumers to come up with these regulations.

In addition, your proposed regulations do not outline the cost to farmers who sell raw milk directly to customers or through retail establishments. Our dairy farmers need to be able to make a decent living while providing local food to Pennsylvania residents, and hidden costs do not help with the family budget. Please pause, reflect, and talk to farmers and consumers before going ahead with new regulations. Thank you.

Laurie Lynch

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Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 4:16 PM
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First Name: Ryan

Last Name: Flynn

Company:

Email: ryan.flynn@citi.com

Subject: Raw Milk

Message:
My name is Ryan Flynn, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected. -Ryan T Flynn

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Samantha Cashen [mom2aejska@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 4:17 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

My name is Samantha Cashen, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Signed
Samantha Cashen

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Samantha
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Cooper, Kathy

From: Hannah Springer [springerhannah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 4:03 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: re: proposed regulation #2777

My name is Hannah Springer, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 3:57 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: FW: IRRC Website - New Message

From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 3:43 PM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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Independent Regulatory Review Commission

A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Rachel

Last Name: Murray

Company:

Email: lehcar_dirgni@yahoo.com

Subject: Raw Milk Regulation

Message:
My name is Rachel Murray. I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive and an invasion of personal freedom, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected. Sincerely, Rachel Murray

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Donna McIntosh [mcidonna@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 3:56 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Proposal #2777

Please reject the Proposal #2777 requiring changes to the bottling of raw milk. Although we all are concerned about safety, these small changes are not required to ensure the safety of raw milk. They only seem to be problematic for small raw milk producers who must incur a cost to have these stipulations mandated. It seems it would best serve mankind, to simply test the final product rather than to be so involved in the micro-management of these affairs. Simply put, test the safety of the milk once it is bottled and capped. Don't micro-manage the process. Seems that ought to do the trick!! I am a raw milk and raw cream user for many years and have never had one bad experience . . . in fact, only great ones from drinking raw dairy!

VOTE NO on Proposal #2777!!

Utterly surprised,
Donna McIntosh, MS, CHFS

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From: Wilmarth, Fiona E.
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 3:44 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Fw: milk

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From: Schroeder, John [mailto:JSchroeder@high.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 01:48 PM
To: Wilmarth, Fiona E.
Subject: milk

My name is John Schroeder. I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Thank you.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: cecile costello [sealybaby3@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 3:41 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: regulation #2777

DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

My name is _celia costello_____, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Second, the hearing for this regulation will be at 10 AM, Thursday, October 7th in the 14th floor conference room, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA. I know this is short notice, but if you are from Pennsylvania and can possibly fit it into your schedule, please attend. This is a critical issue in the fight to regain control of our food and food choices. You can make a difference. And if your food is important to you, you need to let that be known loud and clear.

Over our lifetime, we all get many opportunities. Successful people are those who (1) recognize an opportunity and (2) recognize that opportunities don't always appear when it's convenient and (3) are flexible enough to take advantage of the opportunity. This is one of those opportunities.

Respectfully,

Celia Costello

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Date: 10/5/10

To: IRRC

From: Blake Gibb

Subject: Raw Milk Hindrence Regulation #2777 Dept. of Ag.2-160

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Notes: My name is Blake Gibb, I am a raw milk consumer in Oklahoma and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store in PA. or in OK. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Again, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected. Make the right choice for the intelligent consumer, not the large corporation that cannot stand to lose market share to heaven forbid, an independent businessman, the small American farmer! Thank you for your time.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Linda Myers [horsefarm@pennswoods.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 3:35 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Proposed Regulation #2777

I just found out about the proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. At this time I am not a consumer of raw milk only because there is no one in our area that is licensed to sell it. I did grow up on raw milk and obviously lived. Do to health reasons I've been watching what's going on with our food in this country. What I see are corrupt Depts of Ag at both state and federal levels using "Food Safety" as a front for a crusade to destroy small farmers. When I was a child we took our bottles/jars/cans to the local dairy farm and got our milk - real milk. Nobody got sick, nobody died. Small farmers are not now, nor have they ever been the problem. Big Ag and corrupt Depts of Ag are the problem. If you really want to make milk safe pass laws that force Big Ag to put their cows back out on pasture. NO more CAFOs, NO more unnecessary antibiotics, NO added hormones! Stop lying to the public about the safety of raw milk. It's time for the Depts of Ag to do the job that they were originally designed to do and protect the public instead of helping Big Ag by destroying smaller farmers. So why don't you go after the big guys that are sickening and killing people and STOP "regulating" our small farmers out of business?

Linda M. Myers

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Schalles, Scott R.
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:30 AM
To: Everyone
Subject: FW: #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation

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From: Scharbach, Albert [mailto:Albert.Scharbach@archbalt.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:29 AM
To: Schalles, Scott R.
Subject: #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation

Dear Mr. Schalles:

I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation.

I appreciate the desire to protect consumers that may be behind this legislation, but the legislation over-reaches so as to reduce important choices for the consumer.

Significant health benefits of raw milk and juices are lost through high heat pasteurization process, so it is important that consumers be able to opt for milk in its natural state. It is also important for small farms that they be able to offer this product without prohibitive cost hurdles.

We hope that this legislation does not go into effect so as to penalize many farmers and consumers simply because of the abuse of a very small minority of producers. Consumers will reject those producers who to not provide a satisfactory product.

Thank you for considering this aspect of the issue towards rejecting this legislation.

Sincerely,
Albert Scharbach

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From: Liz Plake [ecplake@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 3:07 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: proposed regulation #2777

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Thank you,
Elizabeth Plake

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Amanda Fleischer [verheiratet52204@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 3:23 PM
To: IRRC

My name is Amanda Fleischer, I am a raw milk consumer, and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.
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Cooper, Kathy

From: Jamie Spiering [jamiespiering@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 3:30 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw Milk in PA

JMJ

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a wife, mother of three small children (soon to be four), and an advocate of raw milk. I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am a college-educated, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my local market or farmer. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Again, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous. It places an unnecessary financial burden on small farms, which is then passed either passed on to me, the consumer, or it puts the farmer out of business. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,

Jamie Spiering

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Kelly Tickner [kellytickner@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 3:23 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw Milk Legislation

Dear Sirs,
As a consumer of raw milk and a citizen of Pennsylvania, I am writing to ask you to oppose proposed milk regulations and request that you vote to disapprove "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160". In these difficult economic times the state should be doing all that it can to promote a viable economic opportunities for dairy farmers in Pennsylvania.
Sincerely,
Kelly P. Tickner
16 Fairview Road, Paoli, PA 19301

Cooper, Kathy

From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 3:15 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: FW: IRRC Website - New Message

From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 3:10 PM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Cecilia

Last Name: Murray

Company:

Email: redredcowboyboots@yahoo.com

Subject: Proposed regulation 2777

Message:
Hi there, My name is _____, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent and discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected. I have a right to consume raw milk if I so desire. Please protect that right. C N Murray

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From: Dwayne Haus, N.D., Rev., CNHP., CHE. [haus@pa.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 3:10 PM
To: IRRC
Cc: Dwayne Haus, N.D.
Subject: "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

Dear Commission Members:
As a Naturopathic Doctor and a raw milk consumer, I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation.
I consider myself to be an intelligent, discriminating consumer and I do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or my local market and or store. If they provide an unsatisfactory product or fail to appropriately correct a problem they will be out of business as the consumers will no longer support them.
Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations and not the operations of local neighbors who have been producing natural products for friends and families for generations.
Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves a desired result. How that result is achieved is the producers' responsibility, not the Commonwealth'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 of local, small, family farms.
Again, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected by the committee.
Sincerely,
Dwayne Haus, N.D.

Dwayne Haus, N.D., Rev., CNHP., CHE.
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Dear Gentlemen/Women-

I oppose the proposed Milk regulation and I request you vote

Disapprove regulation

#2777.

Kathe Kierene

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Dear IRRC:

My name is Cheryl Seng, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Sincerely

Cheryl Seng

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My name is _Ginnie Bennett_____, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Signed
Ginnie
10/5/10

Let's Keep the government out of farming and let the farmers do what they are best at.

717-783-2664

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Sara Markham [sarafina51@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 8:15 AM
To: IRRC

My name is Sara Markham, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Signed
Sara Markham

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Marissa Bunker [marissaholmesdc@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 8:15 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

Dear Members of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission,

I am very concerned with the proposed regulations that are under your review. As a raw milk advocate in another state, I am watching what is happening in Pennsylvania very closely. Pennsylvania is a model for raw milk state, and the decisions made there can affect what happens in the rest of the country. The regulations that are before you, if passed, could severely restrict small farmers from being able to sale raw milk, due to the cost associated with complying with the regulations.

I grew up drinking raw milk, as I lived on a dairy farm. I continue to drink raw milk and choose to give it to my family. Raw milk, especially from small farms, has been shown to be very nutritious and safe. Please safeguard our right to consume raw milk by DISAPPROVING of proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160.

Thank you for your consideration and upholding our rights of citizens of this free nation to eat the foods we choose.

Sincerely,
Dr. Marissa Bunker

Marissa H. Bunker, DC
marissaholmesdc@hotmail.com

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Cooper, Kathy

From: jbura@ptd.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 7:40 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: I DISAPPROVE of Reg 2777

I DISAPPROVE OF REG. 2777!!!!!!

Joyce Buragino

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Laura Griffies [lauragriffies@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 7:39 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation.

My name is Laura Micucci, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Signed
Laura

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Cooper, Kathy

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From: Kaufman, Kim
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 3:29 AM
To: IRRC; Schalles, Scott R.; Totino, Michaele; Miller, Sarah E.
Subject: Fw: Milk Sanitation

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From: Giancarlo Amente [mailto:gamente@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:13 PM
To: Kaufman, Kim
Subject: Milk Sanitation

My name is Giancarlo Amente, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Sincerely,

Giancarlo Amente

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From: Jacqueline Stratton [jacqstrat@rocketmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 1:33 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: RAW MILK

Please support raw milk dairy farmers. I oppose the proposed milk regulations and I request that you vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160." Thank you, Jacqueline Stratton

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Linda Bangert [lbangert771@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 12:05 AM
To: IRRC

My name is Linda Bangert, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Respectfully,
Linda Bangert

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From: Beth Daly [beadaly@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:51 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: raw milk regulations

I am writing to support the upstanding work and dedication the PA raw dairy farmers have done. I grew up drinking raw milk and have raised my children on it. With no ill effects and exceptional as well. I hope the right to access raw milk remains and PA as an outstanding model for exceptional foods is upheld.

Sincerely,

Beth Daly
Eugene, OR

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From: Michael Sfarra [mjsfarr@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 7:08 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Proposed regulation #2777 Dept of Agr. 2-160: Milk Sanitation

My name is Michael Sfarra. I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation.

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Respectfully yours,
Michael Sfarra

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From: Sandy Olcott [sanolcott@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:17 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: disapprove regulation#2777

Dear Independent Regulatory Review Commission,
My name is Sandra Olcott, and I am a raw milk consumer. I write to request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160 regarding Milk Sanitation.

I am beyond pleased with the quality and cleanliness of the dairy with which I do business. I have regular interactions with the farmers. I see their operation on a continuing basis. I am intelligent and competent enough to determine if this farm is worth doing business with and if my family will profit or suffer harm from their products. Neither I nor the farm need assistance from the state to regulate products and services between us.

I do appreciate the work that you do to keep my family safe from health issues at large scale operations about which I have no knowledge nor ability to see and determine for myself.

However, regarding small farms in general, and small dairies in particular, I respectfully request that you not overpolice relations between neighbors. I don't object to sanitation standards, and of course I want the milk that we drink to be of the highest quality. We have chosen to do business with our local dairy for that reason.

Is there a way that you can ensure high health and safety standards without overburdening small farms? Perhaps regulating the end result, rather than the means? If farmers have a system that works already, why should they be burdened to comply with excessive regulations? If it ain't broke, don't fix it. If there are small farms that are not in compliance (with the end result of safe and healthy milk), then by all means, they need to change their system. But should everyone be burdened because of a few that might be out of compliance? That is surely not good for Pennsylvania's small businesses. Not in this economy. Not in any economy.

Thank you for the work you do to ensure safe and proper standards are met. Please continue to focus your energies where they are most needed, not concerning our local communities and neighborhood commerce but rather on the large operations, where the eye of the consumer cannot go, and we must depend on someone else to see for us.

Most sincerely,
Sandra Olcott
Chester County, PA

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Lynn Buske [buske@cornucopia.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:17 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: DISAPPROVE proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the entire staff of The Cornucopia Institute:

We object to impeding commerce in raw milk as it has been a great economic boost to many family-scale farmers, including many Cornucopia members, in Pennsylvania.

Consumers should have the right to make informed purchasing decisions and their "right to choose" also should not be interfered with.

Thank you,
Lynn

Lynn M. Buske (Christianson)
Research Associate and Administrator
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From: Glen Foy [winters_wolves@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:13 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanctions

My name is Glen Foy, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operation. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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.
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Your Pennsylvania Citizen and Passionate Raw Milk Consumer,
Glen Foy

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From: Allison Asbury [wishforsmiles333@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:06 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanctions

My name is Allison Asbury, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operation. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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.
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Your Pennsylvania Citizen and Passionate Raw Milk Consumer,
Allison Asbury

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From: Christian Nys [planetharmony@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:10 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: A heartfelt message in my own words about proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

Dear IRRC:

My name is Christian Nys and I live in Phoenix, AZ and commute to Philadelphia where I work as a pilot with USAirways. My home away from home is in Essington, just outside the Philly airport. I rely on raw milk as I cannot drink pasteurized milk; for whatever reason, it gums up my system and I get all congested. I have always considered myself fortunate to work in a state that supported raw milk to the degree that PA does.

First, I want to acknowledge your efforts in working towards increasing food safety and public health. I can only imagine that designing this legislation has been and continues to be an arduous and emotional task for all involved. Thank you for caring and for wanting to make this happen.

Second, I feel that every industry needs oversight, including raw and pasteurized milk producers. The new bottling requirements seem to make a lot of sense in large operations that are highly mechanized, where some if not many of the workers are there primarily because it's a job. Also, in these larger operations, there is little to no transparency between the consumer and the producer, as few people buy directly from these types of dairies.

In contrast, small farms are typically family run, with an intimate relationship between the people and the cows. In my experience with small farms, especially raw milk producers, the level of integrity, pride and commitment they exhibit in producing a superior product is astonishing to say the least. They are passionate. They care, and their success is completely reliant on the consumers health and well being. They want to know if it tastes good, if it nourishes me, and if I'm getting healthier. They care about every aspect of their business, especially and most importantly the integrity of their milk. They know there is no room for error, and if they should error, it would likely cost them everything. All this is to say that I feel the new bottling requirements are burdensome and potentially onerous for the small farm. My experience is that their level of care and attention to detail already far exceeds the need for such requirements. Transparency is far more effective than regulations, especially regulations that may put them out of business.

I ask that you please reject the proposed regulation, and re-craft a new proposed regulation that heralds and builds more opportunity for transparency between milk producers and consumers at the small farm level.

And, I ask that you craft a bill that brings all milk producers to the highest level of quality standards, so that all milk produced wouldn't need pasteurization because the cows are healthy, eating green grass, and producing nutrient-dense milk that is free of superbugs that plague dairies using less than holistic practices, like growth hormones, antibiotics, corn feeds (especially GMO corn), confinement, etc. Pasteurization should no longer be tolerated as a means of 'correcting' for poor farming practices, which is why pasteurization was created in the first place. Let's stop destroying our food supply through pasteurization; let's continue building regulations that enhance our food's nutrient levels by caring holistically for the animals that produce our food.

Thank you for caring and for your time.

Sincerely,
Christian

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6750 N 13th Pl
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From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:07 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Fw: IRRC Website - New Message

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From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:05 PM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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Independent Regulatory Review Commission

A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Elizabeth

Last Name: Wagner-Newell

Company:

Email: eknewell@gmail.com

Subject: Pending Raw Milk Regulations

Message:
To Whom It May Concern, My name is Elizabeth Wagner-Newell, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected. Signed Elizabeth Wagner-Newell 108 Hulmeville Ave Langhorne, PA 19047

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From: Michelle Papachristou [lolaandfb@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:03 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw Mik

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My name is Michelle Papachristou, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Michelle Papachristou
646 643-9334

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From: Valerie Schnibbe Smith [vschnib@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 9:51 PM
To: IRRC

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My name is Valerie Smith. I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Respectfully,

Valerie S. Smith

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Debra Rau [junebug380@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 9:38 PM
To: IRRC

I oppose the proposed milk regulations in Pennsylvania and request that you vote to disapprove proposed reulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160.

Thank you very much
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Debra Rau has changed her email address from junebug380@juno.com to junebug380@gmail.com

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From: Clint Mellott [cmylow@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 9:35 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Please reject regulation #2777 Dept of Ag. 2-160

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Hello,

I am a raw milk consumer. I believe small family farms would be financially burdened by excessive milk sanitation laws. I think these farmers are providing us with healthful, quality dairy products. I am leary buying from the grocery store, where quantity seems more important... and incidence of contamination remains highest. Please reject the proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk sanitation.

Thanks for your time,
Amber

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Rene Kehrwald [rene-k@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 9:29 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Milk

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I oppose the proposed milk regulations and I advocate for the freedom to choose to drink raw milk (which I and my family have greatly benefitted from these past many years).

Please vote to DISAPPROVE proposed regulation #2777 Dept. of Agriculture 2 - 160

Sincerely,
Rene Kehrwald
Portland OR

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Cooper, Kathy

From: anna zukowski [azukowski@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 8:59 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: DISAPPROVE proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

Good evening!

I am writing to request that you disapprove the proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160.

I am a raw milk activist in Virginia, and consider the access to raw milk critical to my family's good health.

What you decide in PA is important because PA is considered to be a model raw milk state for the rest of the nation. What happens in PA could eventually impact other states.

Please make a decision that supports small, organic, sustainable and the consumers who know and care enough to make health decisions for themselves.

Thanks for your consideration,
Anna Zukowski
Falls Church, VA

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From: Catherine Van Schuyler [ccolletta@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 8:58 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: reject regulation #2777

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My name is Catherine Van Schuyler. I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture
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Signed
Catherine Van Schuyler

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Adrianne Dakan [aldakan514@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 8:38 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: VOTE NO to the proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

My name is Adrianne Morrison, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Thank you,

Adrianne Morrison
11 Lost Creek Drive
Selinsgrove, PA 17870

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From: Scott Sams [sbsams@nc.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 8:33 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: DISAPPROVE proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160

As a Raw Milk activist, I strongly suggest you vote AGAINST proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160.

Even though I don't even live in Pennsylvania, I and many others care about this issue because PA is a model raw milk state for the rest of the nation and what happens in PA could eventually impact other states.

These proposed regulations have nothing to do with protecting the public health but instead subject raw milk producers to unnecessary expenses that will make it financially difficult to continue in business.

Thank you,
Scott

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Deb Z [busdriver690@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 8:14 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw Milk

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My name is Debbie Zapf, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Signed
Debbie Zapf

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Kris O'Malley [kk_omalley@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 8:00 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw milk

Dear Sir,

I oppose the proposed the milk regulations and request that you vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160."

Thank you
Kris OMalley

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Kaufman, Kim
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 8:00 PM
To: IRRC; Schalles, Scott R.; Totino, Michaele; Miller, Sarah E.
Subject: Fw: Raw Milk

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From: rita1951@comcast.net [mailto:rita1951@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 07:37 PM
To: Kaufman, Kim
Subject: Raw Milk

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

My name is Frank Scaltrito, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Rosemary Serviss [servissr@optonline.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 7:53 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Regulation #2777 Dept. of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation

My name is Rosemary Serviss. I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Again, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

Rosemary Serviss

Cooper, Kathy

From: Paulina Zunino [pzunino@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 7:53 PM
To: IRRC; wchirdon@state.pa.us
Subject: Please reject proposed regulation #2777

Importance: High

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Paulina Zunino, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Second, the hearing for this regulation will be at 10 AM, Thursday, October 7th in the 14th floor conference room, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA. I know this is short notice, but if you are from Pennsylvania and can possibly fit it into your schedule, please attend. This is a critical issue in the fight to regain control of our food and food choices. You can make a difference. And if your food is important to you, you need to let that be known loud and clear.

Over our lifetime, we all get many opportunities. Successful people are those who (1) recognize an opportunity and (2) recognize that opportunities don't always appear when it's convenient and (3) are flexible enough to take advantage of the opportunity. This is one of those opportunities.

I thank you in advance for doing the right thing.

Respectfully,

Paulina Zunino

Paulina F. Zunino, DMD, LLC
620 Beaver Street
Sewickley, PA 15143
Phone: (412) 741-0250

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Eric and Amy Philson [elpagp@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 7:43 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: regulation 2777

I oppose the proposed milk regulation. Please vote to disapprove proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160. Please uphold our constitutional freedoms.

A. Philson

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ENCARGOED MATERIAL

Cooper, Kathy

From: Bush Wandy [cooporders@welloflifecenter.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 7:24 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: re: DISAPPROVE proposed reg.#2777 Dept.of Ag. 2-160

My name is Wandy Bush, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture
2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Signed
Wandy Bush

2777 ARGOED MATERIAL

Cooper, Kathy

From: Becky Merritt [beckym@paonline.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 7:13 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: reject Regulation 2777

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I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777, Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Sincerely,

Becky M.

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EMBARGOED MATERIAL

Cooper, Kathy

From: Powells [doyouknowwhatcausesthat@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 6:22 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: regulation 2777 Dept. of Ag 2-160

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To whom it may concern,

I live in Western Pennsylvania and my family consumes raw milk bought from local farmers. I would like you to **vote to DISAPPROVE "proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160.** We don't need *more* regulations... we need LESS! If you pass this my local raw milk sellers could be put out of business. If they are lucky enough to survive the economic strain this regulation will cause them it won't be for the better. This is not helpful at all. PLEASE DON'T PASS THIS!

Sincerely, Rachel Powell and family

2777 EMERGED MATERIAL

Cooper, Kathy

From: Karen S. Voelkening-Behegan [gaia@toad.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 5:40 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Raw Milk

Raw milk has done nothing but HELP my family. Please DON'T do ANYTHING that will make it harder to obtain. That would HURT my family and MANY OTHERS!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

- Karen Voelkening-Behegan

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Roberta Annunziata [create752@optonline.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 5:18 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: raw milk legislation

To Whom It May Concern:
My name is Roberta Annunziata, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations.

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Thank you.

Roberta Annunziata

2777 EMBARGOED

Cooper, Kathy

From: Kathe Kirrene [kathek@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 5:04 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: regulation #2777

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Dear gentlemen/women:

I oppose the proposed milk regulation and I request you vote DISAPPROVE on regulation #2777. Thank you for allowing all of us to choose healthy food for ourselves.

Kathe Kirrene

2777 EMBARGOED MAIL

Cooper, Kathy

From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 6:58 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Fw: IRRC Website - New Message

From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 06:45 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Carolyn

Last Name: Mogey

Company:

Email: carolynkay@comcast.net

Subject: banning raw milk

Message:
Dear IRRC, I am a PA citizen who strongly believes in the goodness and health bringing properties of raw milk. Please DO NOT ban raw milk! Please do not take away one more of my freedoms! Carolyn Mogey

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EMBARGOED MATERIAL

Cooper, Kathy

From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 8:14 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Fw: IRRC Website - New Message

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From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 08:00 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Kristen

Last Name: Dorsey

Company:

Email: kristen.dorsey@yahoo.com

Subject: proposed regulation #2777

Message:
Please, DISAPPROVE proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160. Thank you.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 6:57 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Fw: IRRC Website - New Message

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From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 12:04 AM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Gale

Last Name: Mylin

Company:

Email: gsmylin@yahoo.com

Subject: Raw Milk

Message:
My name is Gale S. Mylin, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. If they provide an unsatisfactory product or fail to appropriately correct a problem they will be out of business quickly. The law that is in place in Pennsylvania seems to be working fine. I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 6:56 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: Fw: IRRC Website - New Message

From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:10 PM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: LINDEN

Last Name: STERN

Company:

Email: injustspringl@yahoo.com

Subject: banning of raw milk

Message:
Don't!!!!!

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Cooper, Kathy

From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 9:14 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Fw: IRRC Website - New Message

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From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 08:44 PM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: David

Last Name: Schiman

Company: Roxborough Community Acupuncture

Email: david.schiman@gmail.com

Subject: Request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation

Message:
My name is David Schiman, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected. Thank you, David Schiman

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Cooper, Kathy

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To: Help
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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: David

Last Name: Carroll

Company:

Email: david.mcarroll@yahoo.com

Subject: Proposed regulation #2777

Message:
I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. This is absolutely unecessary, the role of the government is not to protect people from themselves. People responsible for their own consumer choices. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts. Small producers have direct relationships with the consumers and there is absolutely no need for the state to intervene and regulate producers. Again, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, a onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.

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EMBARGOED MATERIAL

Cooper, Kathy

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Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 7:35 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Fw: IRRC Website - New Message

From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 07:26 PM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Daina

Last Name: Dailey

Company:

Email: ardslea@hotmail.com

Subject: raw milk regulation

Message:
Please don't make raw milk regulations any more onerous than they already are. I'm thrilled that PA allows for raw milk sales so that I can make my own cheeses for my family and support local farmers at the most basic level. Everytime I go visit my mother in Maryland, I have to take bottles of raw milk with me so that she can make all the cheeses she grew up with. Please don't make the farmers jump through any more hoops. It seems wrong to put roadblocks in front of a growing local food movement that puts more money in the hands of our struggling dairy farmers. The closer consumers are to food production, the harder they'll work to protect this vital industry in our state.

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EXCARGOED MATERIAL

Cooper, Kathy

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To: IRRC
Subject: Fw: IRRC Website - New Message

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From: Independent Regulatory Review Commission [mailto:No-Reply@irrc.state.pa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 07:11 PM
To: Help
Subject: IRRC Website - New Message

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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Marjorie

Last Name: Bass

Company:

Email: ljmebass@aol.com

Subject: Reg 2777 Milk Sanitation

Message:
IRRC: My name is Marjorie Bass. I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. We should be helping, not hindering, the organic family farm and people's ability to buy a wholesome, whole natural food with demonstrable health benefits. Raw milk contains live enzymes, many vitamins, natural fat, and antimicrobial agents which make it safer and healthier than a processed, denatured product. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts, and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected. Marjorie Bass Lancaster, PA

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EMBARGOED MATERIAL

Cooper, Kathy

From: Miller, Sarah E.
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 5:27 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Fw: IRRC Website - New Message

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Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 05:19 PM
To: Help
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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

First Name: Jennifer

Last Name: Detweiler

Company:

Email: j_detweiler@hotmail.com

Subject: Hearing on Proposed Dairy and Raw Milk Regulations, Thursday, 7th October, 10am, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Message:
My name is Jennifer Detweiler, I am a raw milk consumer and I respectfully request that you reject proposed regulation #2777 Department of Agriculture 2-160: Milk Sanitation. I am an intelligent, discriminating consumer and do not need protection from my farmer-neighbor or local market or store. 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 policing; every consumer polices that supplier with every transaction and has direct enforcement options. Where we need government involvement is where the suppliers or markets are no longer our neighbors but rather corporations created by the State. Food safety is not size neutral. Larger operations are more complex, problems have much more far-reaching impacts and we have no direct meaningful recourse if there is a problem. The regulation needs to focus on those operations. Although some regulations on this latter group are necessary, the regulation could be much simpler if they were performance standards, requiring that the end product achieves 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, I view the proposed regulation as excessive, and in some cases onerous and unnecessary. These flaws warrant that the proposed regulation be rejected.