

To Chair Witt and members of the committee,

For over 35 years I have been consuming raw milk and raw milk products, such as raw milk cheeses and butter whenever I could get them, without any health or safety problem. Raw milk and raw milk products are significantly more nutrient dense than the pasteurized counterparts. Raw milk and raw milk products contain all the naturally occurring vitamins, minerals and enzymes which are otherwise destroyed by pasteurization. I have enjoyed robust health because of my ongoing consumption of the nutrient dense raw milk and raw milk products.

The sale and or distribution of raw butter is currently legal in 11 states, including California where, over the past 20 years, Raw Farm Dairy, formerly Organic Pastures Dairy Company, has reportedly sold over 2 million pounds of raw butter without any health related incident.

I urge you to support the health of Oregonians who want raw milk butter by legalizing its sale in Oregon with passage of HB 2612.