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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and  
Water

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Good morning, I would like to request your vote in support of approving raw unpasteurized milk to be sold from farm to consumer as well as getting it available in stores. The availability for that resource will be immense for us consumers who see the benefit of raw dairy products. As of right now the wait time and waiting lists for these raw milk products can be over a year out in some areas. So many people, myself included, seek out the raw products to help remedy and aid in gut health along with so many other ailments and over all health goals, sometimes in urgent need and when the wait times are that far out we have to resort to more modern day/western medical treatments. Those things aren't always bad because they can definitely help in some ways. But you never know what exactly you get in those products. Take milk for example; you would think milk from a store is still milk and you get a benefit from it. But all that milk is pasteurized, meaning the milk has been heated to approximately 145 degrees for a period of time. This process strips the milk products of all the microorganisms and bacteria naturally found in the product which matches up with the organisms found in the human body. These microorganisms are a huge factor in overall health and need to be assisted and aided the best we can. When we strip our foods from these processes you have to then fill in the gaps of the product which tend to be made in a lab to be chemically altered to "perfection" along with adding immense amount of sugar complexes to aid in the taste. When the product naturally has sugars of its own that the body can actually break down and utilize when paired with those bacteria and microorganisms. It does not make sense to me why you would strip down a product in such ways. Other than large companies wanting to make profit on "addictive" foods versus the natural state.

Allowing these products to be more readily available for consumers will not only help the communities but the small farmer as well. The demand in this area for raw products is really quite large; unfortunately the farmers are so restricted on where and to who they can sell to that they cannot get their product out to the demanding public quick enough before the product goes bad. That is a huge loss and a huge waste of valuable profit and health benefits to the needing community.

I thank you for your time and consideration of allowing these raw products to be sold publicly to consumers.

Have a great day!