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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB2616

Dear Committee Members;

I moved to Oregon in 2014 and have been a devoted consumer of raw milk since I moved here. I absolutely love it and have found it to be a beneficial health food. I and my family have consumed it weekly for close to a decade with not one ill effect.

As a Chapter Leader for the Weston Price Foundation, which advocates access to raw milk, I frequently field inquiries from people in southern Oregon who are living here or are traveling through, who are searching for raw milk and dairy products.

They are willing to drive and inconvenience themselves to obtain what many view as a prized food product.

I support HB 2616 because I believe the public should have the ability to purchase raw milk, butter and cheese more easily. I believe it to be a health food in its pure form, as nature intended, and that it is safe to consume. When it is labeled appropriately, it makes sense that the consumer can decide whether to buy or not, rather than it be wholly illegal. We need more local food producers and to be able to support our local dairies and farmers.

Thank you for your consideration.