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Senator Mike Brubaker, Chairman  
Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee  
457 Main Capitol Building  
Senate Box 203036  
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Dear Senator Brubaker,

I am faxing this letter as I want you to receive it before next week's hearing on raw milk sales. As I am unable to attend, I wish to make clear my concerns.

My husband and I have been using raw milk and raw milk products, particularly yogurt, cheese, and cream, for almost two years. Upon learning that they would be much better for our health than pasteurized dairy products, I was delighted to learn that a farm just a 40 minute drive from my home was selling it.

I am aware of feeling stronger since beginning these products. My husband had developed Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS), and, although we were eating very healthfully and he ate yogurt regularly, the symptoms continued. Not long after switching to raw milk yogurt and cheese, his IBS symptoms subsided. His health has improved in other ways as well in this time.

I know that my CARE farmer has received legal citations, and I am exceedingly concerned that we might lose the opportunity to purchase these products. He does not sell directly to the public. I have joined CARE and pay yearly dues so that I might buy from him. This is a private contract which should not be regulated by the government. The risk from using these products is extremely small and is my business. Its sale allows many small farmers to maintain their farms.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Blackburn