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Senator Mike Brubaker  
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Re: Raw Milk Hearing

Dear Senator Brubaker,

I recognize that there are certain health risks involved in consuming many raw products. The risks in consuming raw milk have been known for years. The process of pasteurization has prevented illness world wide. That being said, pasteurization also minimizes or eliminates benefits that are available only in raw dairy products. "Quick" pasteurization has been a great help in keeping some of the raw milk benefits, but does shorten product shelf life.

The certification of raw milk providers has been the only real avenue for obtaining relatively 'safe' raw milk. Regular testing of the animals and the milk are essential elements in this process. Insuring other elements of the process is necessary too. These elements involve cleanliness for both the animals as well as those who work with them.

The benefits of raw milk cannot and should not be downplayed or minimized, nor should the risks. I see no reason why, in this day and age, the expanded production of safe raw milk products should not be made available on a broader scale.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Murphy", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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