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Chairman Beltz, and Members of the House Agriculture Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 1131, which proposes an amendment to section 4.1-25-40.1 of the North Dakota Century Code. I am writing to strongly oppose this bill, as it would allow raw milk products with no standards or safety protocols to be sold to consumers.

Too many health risks are possible in raw milk and adding raw milk products will multiply the potential for consumers to become ill. Raw milk is consumed in a matter of hours or days after being harvested from the dairy cows, but dairy products like cheeses, ice cream, yogurt, cheese foods, cheese curds, cottage cheese and butter are stored on shelves for an extended period. Any level of bacteria or viruses can multiply dramatically increasing the risk of illness to the consumer.

I urge you to vote do not pass on House Bill 1131.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.
Sincerely,

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