

Good morning Chairman Luick, Vice Chairman Myrdal, Senator Hogan, Senator Lemm, Senator Weber, and Senator Weston.

My name is Christina Anderson, owner of Beaver Creek Jerseys. I am asking for a Do Pass of the bill 1515 in its current form.

I grew up on raw milk and a dairy farm. I never had any stomach issues, weight was never an issue, and I was rarely ill for the 13 years I was raised on milk straight from our cows. Prior to this past year, I was unable to consume pasteurized and homogenized dairy for the past 12 years. I would get severely ill. When I was pregnant with my youngest, 7 years ago, I was able to get access to raw milk and was able to consume it without becoming ill. After my daughter was born, she ended up being on goats milk due to not being able to tolerate any formula. I was unable to obtain raw milk as any smaller dairy had sold out. When she turned a year, our doctor recommended we try switching her to whole milk. She broke out in hives and cried almost non-stop for a full day after just (1) 6 ounce bottle. 2 years ago I found out I could go across the border into MN and purchase raw milk straight from the farm. Since then, my daughter and I have been consuming raw milk. I purchased my own small herd in October 2022. We have had no issue consuming raw dairy nor items we have made from the raw milk.

I ask that you Do Pass this bill in its current form so people who want raw milk, can access it in their own state, without having to purchase a herdshare.

Sincerely,
Christina Anderson
Beaver Creek Jerseys'
Sharon, ND