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My name is Caitlin Anderson and I am writing in support of the bill for the sale of raw milk to the public. My children were both born in the state of Utah where raw milk sale is legal to the public. After my son was born in 2012, around six months of age he developed some severe gastrointestinal pain. My son cried for the next 2 years almost day and night. A few months after he turned 2 we were at the doctor's office and exhausted from little sleep and being emotionally drained. Our pediatrician recommended trying raw goat's milk to see if our son had any relief. I went to the farm my son's doctor recommended and picked up a half gallon willing to try anything to find my son some healing. Within the next 2 weeks a rash he had had for almost his whole life began to clear and his crying became less. He started to sleep more each night and his temperament improved dramatically. We left Utah when my son was around 3 years old and moved to New Jersey where raw milk sale was not available at all. We lived in New Jersey for the next 5 years. During that time we attempted regular milk again and my son developed acid reflux and was quickly prescribed medication for his discomfort. In lieu of medication we avoided milk and dairy altogether. We tried dairy alternatives, but they do not work as well for cooking and well, lets face it...do not taste like dairy. Allowing the public to purchase raw milk could provide relief and healing for so many kids and adults. Thank you for your consideration.