

To Whom it may concern:

I grew up milking cows as a young girl. We had fresh real milk available to us children all the time. While I went to public school we could get white milk or chocolate milk. I stopped drinking milk when I went to school because it was sour (this was pasteurized milk). We sold our dairy cattle when I hit 7th grade all the high school, 20s, 30s, & now into my 40s I've never drank milk since because of that experience. I do however love pretty much every type of cheese, ice creams, cottage cheese, sour cream, real yogurt, & cream cheese. Many times with ice creams I get sick to my stomach because of the product being used. Over the last couple months I've been part of a herd share. I absolutely love the milk & cream I get. I can now have many wonderful dairy items I remember as a child. The taste is bar none to fresh homemade butter, homemade whipped cream, homemade chocolate pudding. And the list goes on.

It's absurd to think it's illegal to just "purchase" real true untouched milk. Do you realize that pasteurized milk has killed off all the good bacteria that are beneficial to gut health? Do you realized pasteurized milk will mold but the "real" milk or raw milk sours but you can still use it as a form of buttermilk to make many wonderful items such as banana bread, cakes, Alfredo sauce, buttermilk pancakes, etc etc....

If we can buy raw vegetables, eggs, fish, chicken, beef from grocery stores why can we not purchase raw milk from suppliers?

I can go to a restaurant where someone else is touching my raw food not knowing how is been stored & I can eat raw fish, but I can't buy raw milk from my friend for my consumption, preposterous. It's stupid to think this is even outlawed to -not be able I purchase raw milk. This needs to pass & we need to be supporting our ranchers with this by moving from the fad of thinking raw milk is bad for humans.

Sincerely

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