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Dear Senators,

Thank you for taking your time to read my comments.

SB300-Prohibiting the sale of unpasteurized milk for human consumption.

I understand the Kansas Dairy Association is in favor of this bill. I want to reassure them that people purchasing raw milk are not going to be a threat to their income. The hundreds of people I have come into contact with over the years are purchasing raw milk because they have researched the issues with pasteurization and/or they have health issues. If SB300 becomes law, people will not turn to store-bought milk as an option. These people know the detrimental health effects on themselves and their children. According to Dr. Josh Axe and other leading health professionals, testing done on milk has shown increasing numbers of antibiotics and other contaminants in the commercial-grade milk supply.

Raw dairy farms are not a threat, and even allow people to consume milk who otherwise are unable to drink it. The selling of raw milk in Kansas is refined to on-the-farm sales. I am a mere 20-30 miles from Topeka, Manhattan, Wamego, and St. Mary's, yet it is nearly impossible to get anyone to travel that distance once a week for milk. The majority of raw dairy farms are interested in quality—producing the best, healthiest milk possible—not money.

I wanted to provide organic, milk, yogurt, butter, and cheese for my family. To help offset the costs of sustaining milk cows, I sell the available extra milk. Not one of the sellers of raw milk I know do this full-time. There is an ever-increasing demand for healthier food alternatives than what the traditional grocery store provides. Please do not eliminate the choices people have. These small farms are providing an invaluable service to others in this state and should be protected, not destroyed.

I would like to propose a bill that would allow the transporting of raw milk for sale. I would also like to propose that raw milk advertising be allowed at farmer's markets and on internet.

Thank you again for your time,
Sincerely,

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