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Judy--I am sending this to you for the SB 300 hearing this week. Please confirm receipt of this, and please let me know if I need to do anything else. Thank you so much.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee:

I am writing to voice my great concern over SB 300. As I understand it, this bill is attempting to prohibit and sale of raw milk in our state--"Prohibiting the sale of unpasteurized milk for human consumption."

My family and I have discovered raw milk a few years ago. It is the most nutritious, whole-food product that we consume. Because of having access to raw milk, I am able to have access to raw butter—another dynamic health food. I cannot imagine not being able to have access to these dairy products. Being able to purchase raw milk is one of the main reasons that I continue to choose to live in Kansas.

It is vitally imperative that Kansas remains a free state--where I have the right to purchase the food products of my choice. I am educated and know what I am eating and drinking.

A raw milk ban would hurt local farmers who need to be able to continue to earn a living--producing whole food in the way God intended it. Many of these farmers have carried this family tradition down from generation to generation. Passage of SB 300 will severely and unfairly penalize our hard-working Kansas farmers. These are the very people who we depend on for providing safe, nutrient-dense, locally-raised, reasonably-priced food for our own families.

Raw milk properly prepared and handled is a safe, low-risk food. A

study indicated that, as the demand for raw milk has increased in the U.S. over the past 12 to 15 years, the number of food borne illnesses blamed on raw milk has declined substantially. In 2019 there were few, if any, food borne illness outbreaks attributed to raw milk consumption. There is no evidence that raw milk and raw milk products are a food safety problem in Kansas.

Raw milk is often what gets the consumer to go to the farm in the first place and leads to sales of other farm products such as meat, poultry, eggs, and produce. A ban would hurt the farmer beyond lost sales of raw dairy.

There are so many benefits to drinking raw milk. Some of the information that I am including is from Weston A. Price Foundation and Real Milk:

Raw milk contains enzymes and encourages beneficial bacteria that contribute to easy digestion and ensure that all the vitamins and minerals are absorbed

Studies have shown that children consuming raw milk had greater resistance to disease, better growth and stronger teeth than children consuming pasteurized milk. Animal studies indicate that raw milk confers better bone structure, better organ development, better nutrient assimilation, better fertility and even better behavior than pasteurized milk.

Raw milk contains numerous components that kill pathogenic bacteria in the milk, strengthen the immune system, protect the intestinal tract, prevent the absorption of toxins and ensure full assimilation of all the nutrients in the milk. These components are largely destroyed by pasteurization.

I respectfully appeal to you to defeat this attack on my freedom of choice and our farmers' ability to provide a service that Kansas citizens, like myself, depend on.

Please support my continued access to purchase raw dairy products for

my family and myself. Please allow Kansas to remain a free state for the sale of raw milk.

Thank you.

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