

Submitted for written testimony for bills 6313 and 6312

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: CT Department of Agriculture Proposed Bill Concerning Raw Milk

Dear Senator Prague,

Please be aware of a proposed Department of Agriculture bill that is soon to cross your desk concerning the raw milk and aged raw milk cheese producers of Connecticut. This subject is very important to me and I would like your support. As a supporter of your office, I urge you to take action and reject this bill. Buying raw milk and aged raw milk cheese is a choice and choice is a freedom. Please help us to keep the freedom to buy raw milk at my local grocery store *without* any additional cost to the farmers.

I have been drinking Connecticut raw, unpasteurized, un-homogenized grass-fed milk sold over-the-counter for over six years. I drink over a gallon a week and believe that the health benefits of raw milk are synonymous with my longevity. Among other health benefits I believe raw milk has, here are the important ones:

- Grass-fed raw milk is loaded with processed chlorophyll, enzymes and conjugated linoleic acid, which I believe are potent natural cancer-fighting agents.
- Pasteurization kills all bacteria, including beneficial bacteria. I would like to continue to drink raw milk as sold at my local stores to harvest the benefits of beneficial bacteria.
- Homogenization changes the physical makeup of milk, thus I believe renders it harmful to the body, especially the arteries of the heart. I would like to continue to drink raw milk to avoid these qualities.
- Decades ago, The Weston A. Price Foundation (www.realmilk.com) started A Campaign for Real Milk, a movement to educate the public on the benefits of raw milk. Surely this scientific knowledge cannot be ignored.

Please do not deny my right to these natural benefits. Please reject the bill. If you have any questions on this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,
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