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I would like to register my support for an amendment to the code so that as consumers we have easy access to clean, unprocessed milk from local dairies that have healthy grass fed cattle. The nutritional benefit of such raw milk is detailed by various sources including the Weston A. Price Foundation (http://www.westonaprice.org/splash_2.htm) and The Untold Story of Raw Milk by Ron Schmid. Grass fed cows also have a lower impact on the environment than confinement cows which is an added benefit. I don't want to consume just any raw milk either. It is clear from the research discussed in these references that the milk largely available to consumers at the moment is pasteurised precisely because the methods of its production render it a health risk if it were not. It cannot even be traced back to the farm that produced it. Consumers should be able to know exactly where their food is coming from which is why I advocate keeping the raw milk industry local and under strict regulation to ensure the health of the cow and thus the quality of the raw milk products.

I cannot tolerate more than a small quantity of the commercial milk available in the supermarkets. It gives me digestive problems. I buy unhomogenised organic milk which is better but is still pasteurised and I use it only for cooking and small amounts in tea or coffee. I relish visiting countries where grass fed raw milk is sold for human consumption where I can drink my fill and not feel sick. In fact I find it energising and it tastes far better than the milk I can get at home. During the Second World War my mother and her family in country Germany had very little access to any food at times but did have access to raw milk products from grass fed cows and I am convinced from what I know of raw milk that this kept them nourished.

I believe we have the right to this nutrient dense and health giving food. A properly regulated raw milk industry will not only allow us access to this healthful product but will support local farmers.

Regards,

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