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To Whom It May Concern,

I fully support passing Bill 1515 allowing consumers to buy raw milk without having to basically go through hoops to do so.

My family moved to North Dakota from Pennsylvania last summer. In Pennsylvania we had several options nearby to purchase raw milk without any issues or problems. I was able to purchase raw milk directly from a local dairy farm where they had a little store with raw milk, ice cream, eggs, cheeses, yogurts, etc made from their own cows on sight. We also were able to purchase raw milk at a local Amish store and farmers markets as well. I and my family found raw milk and products made from raw milk, so much easier to digest than milk that has been processed. I had become sensitive to milk as I got older but once I tried raw milk I didn't seem to have the tummy issues that I used to have with "regular" milk. I very much miss being able to just go and buy a gallon of raw milk when we need more. My fiance has been drinking raw milk for even longer than I have. He is the one who got me and my kids hooked on it. We have never had any issues drinking it and never knew anyone who had any issues either. We believe that milk in it's "raw" state is exactly as we are supposed to drink it so we are getting the full amount and benefit of milk.