

Dear House Resources Committee

I am writing in opposition to HB 22. Raw milk provides no benefits over pasteurized milk.

Increasing sales and access to raw milk will only increase the likelihood of food poisoning.

Listeria outbreaks are a very real danger of consuming raw milk. Children, immune compromised, and pregnant individuals can become extremely ill, miscarry, and even die from Listeria. Raw milk would only lead to an increase in Listeria outbreaks. Pasteurization saves lives and raw milk provides no health benefits over pasteurized milk.

There are better ways to support farmers than through removing safety standards. I believe we should follow CDC guidelines on raw milk consumption and production. The CDC is very clear that raw milk is dangerous.

<https://www.cdc.gov/listeria/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/rawmilk/raw-milk-index.html>

Sincerely

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