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To whom it may concern:

I am strongly in favour of the production, distribution and sale of raw milk, provided such raw milk is produced and distributed with appropriate and realistic safety standards.

Without going into the great detail of the science, let it be said that the original conditions making the pasteurisation of milk necessary, no longer exists in the industry. Standards are much higher especially with herd and milk testing, and refrigeration in the production and distribution process. Perceived hazards of raw milk to public health are far smaller than in other food industries.

The pasteurisation of milk destroys a number of important nutrients and enzymes in milk, as well as beneficial bacteria, the latter which inhibit the proliferation of pathogenic bacteria. Tests have clearly proved that at best, calves do poorly on pasteurised milk and indeed may not survive at all.

It would therefore be of great benefit to the public if raw milk is available for sale through normal channels.

It is important that the processed milk industry does not get undue influence in decisions regarding this issue, since that industry has a strong vested interest in maintaining the status quo.

Best regards,
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