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Testimony in support of legalizing the sale of raw milk and raw milk items.

According to the FDA, there is an average of 5 reports of sickness from ingesting raw milk a year. This is an extremely small number of both non-fatal and unhospitalized complaints for a food that has been considered dangerous for 70 short years. The millions of years humans have theorerically been consuming raw milk (and raw animal meat, fat, and organs, in fact) are proof that the living enzymes in unheated milk and its products are not only safe, but essential for vigorous health.

The works of renowned people such as Dr. Weston Price and Dr. Pottenger (of Pottenger's Cats), to name a few, have concrete evidence that raw foods, especially milk and meat, have eradicated disease in populations who consume those as their main staples. These populations do not face the ravages of disease our "modern" and hyper sterile American societies now experience. Disease is growing in the Western world, and our food is dead, processed, refined. Raw milk is not the cause of this, as it is either illegal or difficult to procure in every state.

Raw milk is safe and effective.

Most importantly, it is the right of a man to buy or sell anything he pleases. No person, and especially no government, has any right to anyone's property or free choice. Our rights have been systematically stripped away in this country. We hunch and strain beneath the tyranny of the largest government the recorded history of the world has ever seen. Return to us our innate right, rights endowed in each of us from birth, and fix this grave sin against us.