

Athina Tennant

Good morning,

I am writing in on behalf of the raw milk farm share regulations.

I have a daughter that has severe food allergies and intolerance.

For the past 5.5 years, I have been able to get my daughter milk through an amazing local farm; that takes absolutely wonderful care of their animals and stick to a strict diet for their animals. In doing so, my daughter has been able to enjoy milk, eggs and meats, that she normally cannot have due to what the animals are fed. She is 6.5 years old and had a tough go from the time she was 4 months old, until she was almost 2; as I went through all the formulas in the USA, to find that even the "soy free" formula in the USA, is a minimum of 6% soy. I had to import her formula from Germany. An organic, grass fed cows milk formula. I introduced one food at a time, watching over 2 weeks, to see if she would have any sign of reaction against that food. She reacted to all stone fruit, tree nuts, legumes, corn, dairy and pineapple. To include her not being able to drink store bought milk and eat store bought eggs or meat; as the diets the animals were fed, bled through into the eggs, meat and milk. My kids love volunteering and helping around the farm that we have our farm share through. Changing the way so many families like ours are able to provide necessary nutrients to their daily lives, is irresponsible.