



Want to be able to buy farm-fresh (raw) milk?

Texans can legally buy raw milk from licensed Texas dairies. But the government requires consumers to drive to the farm – which may be 2 or 3 hours away – to get it. **A Texas farmer recently had his license suspended for delivering to a private home.** The law burdens consumers, and it penalizes family farmers who are unfairly prevented from marketing their milk.

Help Make Raw Milk Sales Legal at Farmer Markets, Drop Points, and Through Delivery!

HB 46: Facts About the Bill

- Does only **one** thing: removes the on-farm restriction on the sale of Grade A raw milk. Would allow licensed farmers to sell raw milk at farmers markets and through delivery arrangements.
- Makes **no other change** to the existing health and safety regulations for raw milk that have been successful in protecting the public's health in Texas.
- Sales will continue to be limited to direct-to-consumer transactions, as they are currently. The bill does **not** allow sales of raw milk in grocery stores.



Many Advantages to HB 46

- Improves the safety of raw dairy by allowing producers to transport it to consumers under safe conditions, rather than relying on consumers to remember to take coolers and ice.
- By allowing a producer to make a single trip to serve multiple customers, rather than having each customer drive to the farm, the bill reduces vehicle miles, benefiting air quality, traffic congestion, and public safety.
- Benefits rural economies because direct farm-to-consumer sales of raw milk can mean the difference between a net loss on the farm and a reasonable income for the farm family.
- Addresses the consumer demand for high-quality raw milk by making it available at farmers markets and through home delivery.
- No negative impact on conventional grocery store sales. *(Supporting data available.)*

What can you do? Call your State Representative and ask him or her to Co-AUTHOR HB 46

Find out who your legislators are: www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us / Capitol Switchboard 512-463-4630

Go to www.FarmAndRanchFreedom.org/raw-milk for more info & free email alerts

More information on how you can help is on the back of this flyer →

TAKE ACTION

The legislators need to hear from YOU! **The chance of HB 46 passing this session depends heavily on the voice of Texas local foods consumers.** It only takes a few minutes to contact your legislator, and it really does make a difference. Here are some helpful steps:

1. You can **find out who your legislators are** at www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us or by calling the Capitol Switchboard at 512-463-4630. The Switchboard can connect you directly to their offices.
2. **Call your State Representative.** Message: “Hi, my name is ____ and I am a constituent. I am calling to urge Representative ____ to **co-author** HB 46, to legalize the sale of raw milk at farmers markets and other direct-to-consumer options. Do you know where he/she stands on this bill?”

If the staffer says they don’t know the Representative’s position (which is a common response), say: “I would very much appreciate it if you could call me back after talking with the Representative. This issue is very important to me and my family.” **You can also offer to send them materials about the bill via email.** Download our fact sheet at www.FarmAndRanchFreedom.org/raw-milk or email Judith@FarmAndRanchFreedom.org and we’ll follow up.

The Representatives listed below are on the Public Health Committee. **Their vote could determine whether this bill moves forward or dies like last session. Please make a special effort to call if you are in one of these districts** (please note that the zip codes are often “split” among multiple districts):

Representative	Area or Zip Codes Represented	Phone Number (512 area code)
Garnet Coleman	Part of Houston County: 77002, 003, 004, 006, 007, 010, 019, 021, 033, 048, 061, 075, 087, 089, 098	463-0524
Nicole Collier	Part of Tarrant County: 76012, 76102, 76103, 76104, 76105, 76107, 76110, 76111, 76112, 7615, 76119, 76120, 76133, 76134, 76140	463-0716
Philip Cortez	Part of Bexar County: 78002, 006, 023, 039, 052, 073, 211, 224, 226, 227, 236, 242, 245, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255	463-0269
Sarah Davis	Part of Houston: 77002, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 019, 024, 025, 027, 030, 046, 056, 057, 081, 096, 098, 401	463-0389
Bobby Guerra	Part of Hidalgo County: 78501, 78503, 78504, 78539, 78572, 78573, 78574, 78577	463-0578
Susan King	Jones, Nolan & Taylor Counties	463-0718
Lois Kolkhorst	Austin, Burleson, Colorado, Fayette, Grimes, Lavaca, and Washington Counties	463-0600
Elliot Naishtat	Part of the City of Austin: 78701, 703, 704, 705, 712, 731, 735, 745, 746, 751, 752, 756, 757, 758, 759	463-0668
J.D. Sheffield	Comanche, Coryell, Erath, Hamilton, McCulloch, Mills, San Saba, and Somervell Counties	463-0628

Note: two members of the Committee, Rep. Jodie Laubenberg and Rep. Bill Zedler, have already co-authored the bill, so we are not listing them here. If you are a constituent, be sure to say thank you!

3. Then, **call your State Senator** and ask him or her to support HB 46 when it comes to the Senate.