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Office of the Governor

June 6, 2013

The Honorable Ross Miller
Secretary of State
Capitol Building
101 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 209 of the 77th Legislative Session

Dear Secretary Miller:

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Assembly Bill 209, which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to dairy products; providing that raw milk certified by the county milk commission of the county in which the raw milk is produced may be sold anywhere in this State; making various other changes to provisions governing county milk commissions; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Existing law allows certified raw milk to be sold only in the county where it is produced. This bill allows raw milk that has been certified by a county milk commission to be sold anywhere in the state.

While the bill makes some efforts to address the safety concerns of "certified raw milk," the proposed regulations will not mitigate the health risks associated with consumption of unpasteurized milk. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, consumption of raw milk is 150 times more likely to cause food-borne illness than pasteurized milk. The Food and Drug Administration, the American Medical Association, and our own State Health Officer agree that Assembly Bill 209 presents

significant public health risks. Based on these concerns, I cannot support the bill; I veto it and return it to you without my signature, and without my approval.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sandoval", is written over the printed name.

BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

Enclosure

cc: *Brian Krolicki, President of the Senate (without enclosure)*
The Honorable Moises Denis, Senate Majority Leader (without enclosure)
The Honorable Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Speaker of the Assembly (without enclosure)
David A. Byerman, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)
Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)
Brenda Erdoes, Esq., Legislative Counsel (without enclosure)