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MILK MONOPOLY

For years, the dairy industry has monopolized the term 'milk,' and now it has filed a petition to prevent others, especially soy milk producers, from using the word 'milk.' As the *Associated Press* reports, "The National Milk Producers Federation filed a complaint with the Food and Drug Administration to stop beverages made from soybeans from being called soy milk. Under FDA standards, milk is the product of a cow." Besides cows' milk, there is nut milk, coconut milk, rice milk, and oat milk to name a few. The dairy industry should not be allowed to maintain its monopoly on the use of the word 'milk,' and in fact, milk from cows should be labeled as "cows' milk" just as soy milk includes the word "soy" on the label. Please write to the Food and Drug Administration: Dr. Jane Henny, Commissioner of FDA, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Urge that the agency allow non-dairy beverages to be labeled as "milk," and ask that they require milk from cows be labeled clearly as "cows' milk." ^{Thank you}

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