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Dr. Jane Henny
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Dear Dr. Henny,

I understand that the National Milk Producers Association has filed a complaint to prevent the producers of soy, nut, rice and coconut milks from using the term "milk". It is my sincere feeling that not only should the association be denied exclusive use of the term "milk", but that they should also be required to label their product "cow's milk" just as soy milk and coconut milk producers include the word soy in the names of their products. Cow's milk is a product which many people have allergies to or lack the enzymes to digest.

I ask that your agency allow non-dairy beverages to be labeled as "milk" and that milk from cows be labeled clearly as "cow's milk". I thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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