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Dr. Lester M. Crawford, D.V.M., Ph.D
Deputy Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration (HF-1)
5600 Fishers Lane
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Dear Dr. Crawford,

For 72 years, I have been enjoying "real" milk and "real" dairy products. It is disturbing to me that, when I go to the supermarket, I am seeing other products labeled as milk, when, in fact, they are not milk at all and contain no dairy products. They are simply liquids extracted from soybeans and water.

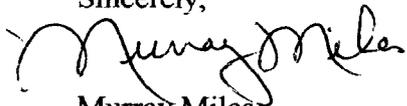
In some cases, they are being sold right out of the dairy case, and many consumers have no idea that they are not buying a dairy product.

I have no objections to products being made from soybeans, In fact, soybeans have been the number one cash crop in our state for several years. However, these products should be labeled for what they are and not what the manufacturers think will fool customers.

I believe that the FDA should enforce identity standards for milk and other dairy products. Based on what I see in our local stores, this is not being done.

I urge you to take action in this matter. Our dairy producers and processors deserve better treatment that they are not getting. "Soy milk" is not milk and should not be sold as such.

Sincerely,


Murray Miles

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