

Economic Affairs Interim Committee  
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Mr. Chair and members of the committee: thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Ken Bryan and I work for Cargill Animal Nutrition based out of Roundup. As a livestock nutritionist, over the last twelve years I have worked very closely with Montana beef and dairy producers to improve the viability and sustainability of their businesses.

I would like to thank the members of this Committee who have been supportive of agriculture and the health of the dairy industry in Montana and now ask you to join the Montana Board of Livestock and our fellow dairy farmers across the state in supporting and upholding Montana's 12-day sell-by rule.

Cargill supports the Montana Board of Livestock's rule requiring 12-day "sell-by" dates marked on milk containers. Different milk processors use different testing methodologies and we believe the 12-day rule is a trusted tool that protects and informs consumers and is necessary to control the standards and quality of milk sold in our state. We ask for your support in preserving the rule as it is today.

Thank you.