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To whom it may concern,

I grew up in Montana but lived in California and Washington for a while. When moving to California and Washington we found the sell by date of milk to be much longer than the milk in Montana. We assumed the reason was that milk in those states must have more sophisticated methods of processing. When moving back to Montana a few years ago we started seeing a 12 day sell by date. After asking at retailers and doing some online research, I learned that milk "sell by" is regulated by a Livestock Board. I think a good solution would be to put a "use by" date on the milk so milk drinkers have better information. I have also seen that milk in Montana is much more expensive. This all leads me to believe there is "cronyism" going on to manipulate prices resulting in an unfair price to the consumer.

I am a resident of Montana, a voter, and a consumer of milk. Your help in this matter would be appreciated.

Thank you,
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