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The Honorable Roger Marshall U.S. Senate 479A Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Marshall,

On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), I write in support of the *Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act*. This bipartisan legislation would increase the milk options for schoolchildren in the National School Lunch Program.

Small businesses and farmers appreciate your leadership in pushing back against proposed regulations that would limit milk options for schoolchildren. The legislation would provide local communities, school districts, parents, and students the opportunity to consume a wider range of milk options, including whole, reduced-fat, low-fat, and fat-free milk. The legislation promotes consumer choice instead of a one-size-fits-all approach.

Additionally, the legislation will encourage new markets to develop for small dairy farms to specialize in different varieties. These economic opportunities will benefit our local communities, as well as Main Street businesses that sell these products.

The Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act is a pro-consumer choice and benefits small businesses. Thank you for your leadership in increasing dairy options for American schoolchildren and encouraging growth opportunities for America's small businesses and farmers.

Sincerely,

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