

## **Murdo, Patricia**

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**To:** Murdo, Patricia  
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Thank you for returning my phone call. As we talked yesterday I wanted to express my reason for calling. We were told at the supermarket we shop in Missoula that the reason they had marked down their milk was that it would have to be destroyed the next day. We said why would we buy it as our family could not drink it that day. The person at the store told us that the milk was still good for 5- 15 days, obviously with that kind of answer we could not believe him and he gave us this number to call to verify. With that you told us that it was true that the milk was good past what we have always thought was an expiration date and could not believe we have thrown away milk for over 20 years to protect our family. Thank you for explaining that the date made retailers destroy it and it was not a date for us, but then when you told us that the Department of Livestock made the rule everything came into place for us. First they throw away perfectly good milk so the farmers can sell more but they get to make a rule for their own benefit, is that a serious conflict of interest that they make rules for themselves? The next thing you tell me is that they Department will not let the manufacturer put a date on the milk to let consumers know what the shelf life is like all other products including other dairy products and this is only one kind of milk?? Now you know why I conclude that the Department is doing this for their own good and why we were confused. This is wrong and very deceptive. We cannot take time off work but I wish we could as I would like to hear the reason they have to confuse the public as we have talked to our neighbors and they are in disbelief also. Why can't they let the manufacturer let us know? Thank You Marla Wimmer, 10300 Horseback Ridge Missoula