

IMPORTATION OF BULL SEMEN

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Dear Deputy Ryan.

I HAVE NO CONNECTION EITHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT WITH THE FARMING INDUSTRY BUT AM JERSEY BORN AND WANT THE BEST FOR OUR ISLAND OF JERSEY I DO NOT THINK THAT IMPORTATION OF BULL SEMEN IS GOOD FOR JERSEY BECAUSE THERE IS ALWAYS THE DANGER THAT EITHER BY HUMAN ERROR, ACCIDENT OR EVEN DESIGN BY UNSCRUPULOUS DEALER'S THAT SOMETHING COULD GO WRONG AND SPOIL THE PURITY AND DISEASE FREE ISLAND BREED OR PERHAPS A MIX UP WITH BEEF ANIMALS

THE ARGUMENT THAT IT WOULD INCREASE THE MILK YIELD IS NOT RELEVANT WE PRODUCE ENOUGH MILK NOW AND I THINK WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON QUALITY INSTEAD OF QUANTITY, THE PURITY OF THE BREED IN MY OPINION CANNOT BE WITH SEMEN FROM OUTSIDE THE ISLAND, A HUMAN BORN OUTSIDE THE ISLAND FROM JERSEY PARENTS CANNOT BE JERSEY BORN, AND CALLED JERSEY THE SAME MUST APPLY TO CATTLE

I BELIEVE THERE IS NO REASON WHY BREEDERS CANNOT CONTINUE TO BREED FROM LOCAL HERDS AND PRODUCE THE FINEST ANIMALS AS THEY HAVE DONE FOR YEARS IF ITS A QUESTION OF FINANCE I'M SURE THE DAIRY INDUSTRY CAN OVERCOME THE PROBLEM, I DO NOT WANT TO SEE THE TRUE JERSEY COW BECOME EXTINCT.

Yours sincerely LeBlanc (MR)