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Representative Clem Chairman House Committee on Rural Communities, Land Use and Water 900 Court St NE Salem, Oregon 97301

Senate Bill 320 A Oppose

The Honorable Chairman Clem and Committee Members,

I had a home candy business. I never thought that the yearly inspection by ODA and being registered with them and paying a fee was unreasonable if I wanted to provide a product to the public for sale.

This bill is very complicated. I guess that I feel that providing safe food to the consumer is of highest priority even if you are a small business operating from your home and wanting to sell at Farmer's Markets. I am very confused on the Senate passing SB 920 wanting to regulate antibiotics in the livestock industry in conflict and beyond what FDA does and the onerous reporting in that bill and passing this bill...they are of opposite logic in my opinion.

I was a 4-H leader for 32 years and I can tell you that I made sure certain families did not provide homemade food items to the club or for fund raisers after I had been to their homes. I always made it a priority to make home visits to make assessments of the home for food prep even for fair competition. Usually they prepared the food in my kitchen under my supervision.

Just because it is homemade does not make it safe even with high sugar content. ODA needs to inspect every operation each year. ODA was never out of line with requirements in my opinion. They built a relationship with me and were always very helpful.

Sincerely,

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