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On Behalf of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

Measure: SB643

I am writing to express my strong support for SB643. As a hobby baker, I have explored operating as a cottage food baker. The limits Oregon currently has for such bakers is outdated and in need of revising to keep pace with other states.

First and foremost, I commend the bill's proposal to increase the income cap. Currently, the income limit for cottage food bakers is too low, limiting the growth potential of these small businesses. By increasing the income cap, entrepreneurs will be able to expand their business and be in line with what much of the country is already doing. This also provides a boost for the local economy and a welcome change for those cottage bakers that are struggling to make ends meet.

Secondly, I strongly support the proposal to allow pets in the home as long as they are not in the kitchen while baking. This can be something declared on the label and it lets consumers make the decision for themselves if this is an issue for them.

Finally, I endorse the proposal to permit the sale of goods in coffee shops. This change will provide a new avenue for cottage bakers to reach customers and expand their customer base. It will also encourage collaboration between small businesses, which is essential for the growth of the local economy. I have full confidence that our inspectors in Oregon can find a way to differentiate between restaurants and coffee shops just like their peers in other states have done.

In conclusion, I urge you to support SB643. This bill will provide much-needed relief to entrepreneurs in the cottage food industry, allowing them to expand their businesses, support their families and contribute to the local economy.

Thank you for considering this bill to move Oregon forward.

Sincerely,

Trisha Guy