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Testimony of Jennifer L. McGee

Support SB 2386

To the Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee, my name is Jennifer McGee, I am a Florida resident and the mother to Jenetta Sawyer of Jenetta's Simple Treats, LLC.

Jenetta, her son and her business lived in our home in Destin, Florida for just short of a year while her husband was commissioned with the United States Air Force. Our family learned quite a bit about how she manages and grows her business. Including, marketing in the area she was currently in while determining which products were capable of being shipped to previous clients in other areas.

As some of you know, it is a satisfying comfort as a parent to see your child thrive doing something they love. We got to witness it, firsthand.

On the flip side, since her and her business have moved to Minot, North Dakota, despite being pleasantly surprised by the incredible welcome of their new community, she is starting from the beginning again with her business not having the clients she's previously acquired in other states to build on. Not to mention we just miss the snacks and sweets. If you haven't ever had one of those chocolate covered mini cookies, you are missing out!

While initially transferring her business to North Dakota, we were talking about the cottage baker laws of North Dakota and how she was not going to be able to ship any goodies. Just a few days later, she was telling me about another business initiating a change in the law that benefits themselves and others. Jenetta asks, "I wonder how you even start to create a bill to change a law" and here we are!

Win-win for everyone involved is to pass this bill allowing cottage bakers to ship the goods capable of making the trip. You allow your businesses to add to their gross sales, these businesses are in turn supported by their vendors' businesses and ultimately JST fans will get their snacks and sweets.

Thank you so much for encouraging my voice through written testimony and your consideration in support of SB 2386 allowing cottage bakers to ship their goods out of state.