



Chairman Luick and Members of the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee,

I am Brekka Kramer, President | CEO of the Minot Area Chamber EDC (MACEDC) and Executive Committee Member of the North Dakota Military Commission. On behalf of the MACEDC and our Task Force 21, I offer testimony in favor of Senate Bill 2386 to amend the current cottage food transaction laws.

The MACEDC mission is to advocate for and invest in business activity by being a collaborative partner in the community, focused on improving quality of life for all. MACEDC has five key strategic pillars, one of them being military support. We work hard to support military across the state and removing barriers for military spouses is a priority not just for our community but the state through the hard work for the North Dakota Military Commission.

We believe that updating the North Dakota Century Code as proposed in Senate Bill 2386 would have a positive impact on both cottage food consumers and producers, and specifically military spouses who find themselves relocating due to the nature of military service.

The cottage food industry is a vital part of our local economy, providing unique, homemade food products. With a significant opportunity to expand beyond state borders and continue serving previous customers, allowing out-of-state transactions would empower these entrepreneurs to reach a broader audience and increase the potential for growth, sustainability, and economic impact.

For those serving and their families we want to do everything we can to support them while in our great state. With these efforts and all that North Dakota is doing to support military we can attract families to stay or return and make this their home.

I am a proud member of the North Dakota Military Commission, which has a vision to make North Dakota the most military friendly state in the nation. As a long-term advocate for the success of military service members and their spouses, I ask for your support of Senate Bill 2386 and am available for any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Brekka Kramer  
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