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Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2012 2:30 PM
To: Vivian Stiver
Subject: Fwd: HB 202

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From: Craig O'Donoghue <dentist@gci.net>
Date: Fri, Mar 16, 2012 at 10:07 AM
Subject: HB 202
To: 2ndavebnb@gmail.com

I am in favor of HB 202. There is no need for a government agency to interfere with simple commodity transaction between an informed buyer and a willing seller of any food products grown locally.

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From: Rep. Tammie Wilson
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 1:35 PM
To: Vivian Stiver
Subject: FW: HB202

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From: housemajority_email@housemajority.org [mailto:housemajority_email@housemajority.org]

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From: gkahoe@gci.net

Dear Rep. Wilson,

Thank you very much for cosponsoring HB202 allowing food producers to sell directly to consumers. I think that this will benefit both producers and consumers in this state and I support its passage.

Thank you again for your efforts,

Jennifer Ansley

~ Jennifer Ansley

Zip Code: 99725

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From: Rep. Tammie Wilson
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 1:56 PM
To: Vivian Stiver
Subject: FW: HB 202

From: Dawn Nelson [\[mailto:dnelson@mosquitonet.com\]](mailto:dnelson@mosquitonet.com)

Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2012 11:38 AM

To: Rep. Tammie Wilson

Subject: HB 202

Dear Tammie,

Thank you so much for this bill! I hope it will pass, of course, but either way I think it is well done. It is respectful of the consumer's ability and responsibility for wise decisions and it has reasonable and attainable requirement for the farmer. Thanks for continuing to be a voice for us 😊.

Dawn Nelson

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From: Rep. Tammie Wilson
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 1:41 PM
To: Vivian Stiver
Subject: FW: HB 202 . . .

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From: Natalie and Tim [<mailto:wynfromere@alaska.net>]
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 10:32 PM
To: Rep. Tammie Wilson
Subject: HB 202 . . .

Tammie,

I fully support House Bill 202 "An act relating to the sale of food products by the producer to the consumer." Thank you for introducing this. It should go without saying (This bill should not be necessary) that producers and consumers should be able to engage in contract without a third party required - especially the state. The bill would be better without a gross sale limit not to exceed \$200K - anyone, regardless of gross sales should be allowed to contract/sell to anyone regardless of an arbitrary number decreed by a collective group of "representatives."

Thanks, again,

Natalie

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From: Rep. Tammie Wilson
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From: Jeffrey Werner [\[mailto:jeff.werner.ak@gmail.com\]](mailto:jeff.werner.ak@gmail.com)

Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 7:25 PM

To: Rep. Tammie Wilson

Subject: House bill 202

Representative Wilson,

I appreciate all that you do for Alaska's agriculture industry.

I would like to express my appreciation for your co-sponsorship of house bill 202. This is a very important issue to the alaska agricultural community, the development of a sustainable food system, the to develop an agricultural industry.

Thank you for including the 4-H and FFA to the UAF budget. Your support of agricultural education for Alaska is not a one time activity, but a futuristic activity for all the people of Alaska and the food, fiber, and natural resource industries of alaska.

Respectfully,

Jeff Werner
Interior Alaska resident and agriculturalist

I am writing to voice my support for HB 202. Given our perilous food security circumstances in this state, we need to take definite steps that will encourage food production and processing at a cottage industry level in order to build capacity for food production in Alaska.

With widely separated communities, we encourage food production in our communities as a first step toward having enough to feed ourselves statewide. This is best done by replacing some of the strict requirements imposed by regulation with common sense ones that encourage development of a safe food system. Why worry about a bulletproof food system if we don't even have a food system. We place no restriction on our citizens to go to the store and buy tobacco products, which we know cause death, but we criminalize farmers who sell good wholesome food to their neighbors. If we do not respond to our existing food dependence, we will surely regret it.

I challenge the government assumption that unregulated or uninspected food is inherently unsafe, given that there are as many food related illnesses now with a multitude of regulations as there were 40 years ago with hardly any. We legislate and regulate food production as if inspecting food before sale would make up for poor food handling in the home when, with proper handling and cooking, nearly all food illnesses could be avoided.

The result of this food regulation growth over the years has effectively prevented small local growers and producers from direct marketing. This bill would reinstate the right for a person to choose from whom he or she will buy food. It allows the person a choice to purchase from a neighboring farmer or to go to the store. It takes away no one's rights and in fact reaffirms personal liberty.

While I understand the desire to provide for a clear statement that the food so purchased hasn't been inspected by a government agency, the implication is that it may kill you as if it was as deadly as smoking. Locally grown food does not deserve such a harsh indictment. I would recommend to the committee that they replace the statement with a simple statement that this food has not been inspected by a government agency.

Thank you,

Bryce Wrigley