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Dear Chair Giessel,

The Division of Environmental Health appreciates the opportunity to provide clarification and follow up on aspects of SB 226.

With respect to how Alaska's homemade food rules align with federal requirements, homemade food sold within the state is exempt from federal law, and states are granted the authority to establish their own homemade food laws. Additional clarification was also requested regarding potentially hazardous foods and reduced oxygen packaging. Potentially hazardous foods (a few examples being casseroles, enchiladas, and other cooked dishes) may generally be sold if they are offered either freshly prepared or frozen. However, under this bill, those same foods would not be permitted to be sold in reduced oxygen packaging, such as vacuum-sealed bags.

Similarly, as written, the bill would not allow products like vacuum-sealed meat products or cheeses to be sold, although a pre-arranged charcuterie board would be permissible.

Please reach out to DEC's Legislative Liaison Reece Williams with any additional follow-ups.

Thank you,

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