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**From:** Jan Flora <grewingk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 09, 2018 11:41 AM  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** HB315 Letter of Support

Dear Representative Claman:

As a farmer and stockgrower, I'm writing in support of HB315, Confidentiality of Animal and Crop Records.

I was very surprised to discover that our crop and animal health records aren't protected in statute, as our right to privacy enjoys vigorous protections in the Constitution of the State of Alaska.

The five beef cattle herds on the Kachemak are currently disease-free, but we remain very vigilant, as a warming climate may bring emerging diseases with it. We need ranchers to feel confident that the state will protect our privacy as we work with animal health professionals to do surveillance and testing as necessary.

I encourage your committee to protect the confidentiality of our records, so farmers and stockgrowers will feel comfortable working with our DEC food safety professionals and with the Office of our State Veterinarian.

I support passage of HB315.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jan Flora

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