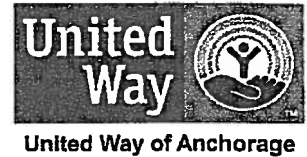


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**RE: Letter of Support for HCR-01 Establishment and operation of a state food resource development working group**

Dear Representative Stoltze:

A strong and secure Alaskan food system is essential to the health and wellness of all Alaskans.

This resolution supports collaboration and intentional integration of resources among the many interests involved in our state's food supply chain to improve our food system. By working together, Alaska will have a more efficient, sustainable, and effective food resource development policy and framework that works for all Alaskans and will

- Deliver a strong and secure food system that can provide jobs, support healthy communities, and increase food security to feed the hungry and insulate us from potential disruptions along the food supply chain.
- Leverage the work of the Alaska Food Policy Council with over 200 Alaskans from the farming, fishing, business, food banking/anti-hunger network, health, and environmental conservation sectors of our state. Stakeholders formed and joined this policy council because of their concerns of the many Alaskan food challenges, and are and will be working to tackle them in a comprehensive way.
- Provide nutritious and affordable, especially local foods, that are part of the solution to support Alaskans in their efforts to have healthy weights and prevent disease.
- Support the goal that 90% of Alaskan students graduate on time by the year 2020. When students are distracted by hunger, they are unable to focus, stay and succeed in school.
- Bend the cost curve on healthy foods so that families don't have to choose between paying for heat or for food.

Thank you for sponsoring this resolution and the opportunity to provide written testimony to the committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Brown".

Michele Brown  
President

**LIVE UNITED.**

Dear Representative Stolze,

Thank you for introducing HCR01 to coordinate and strengthen Alaska's efforts to create a local food system. Food production and food security must become a top priority of the state. There is less than a week's supply of food in the state. We ship in almost all the food we consume. We are dependent on a food distribution system that has been disrupted numerous times due to natural and man caused disasters.

Farmers and ranchers are thwarted by regulations that prohibit the growth and expansion of the industry. Agencies providing inspection services, veterinary services and the oversight of land issues are currently functions of several different agencies. I believe implementation of HCR01 would help develop a local sustainable food system by coordinating resources of several agencies resources on the mission of providing food for Alaska.

Creation of a strong local food system will greatly strengthen the security of Alaska by stemming the export of food dollars and putting the source of our food 1800 miles closer.

I urge support of the rest of the legislature and passage of HCR01. We also urge its support and implementation by the Governor.

Sincerely,

Bryce Wrigley  
President, Alaska Farm Bureau

**Darrell Breese**

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**From:** Milli <millimom@xyz.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 7:44 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bill Stoltze  
**Subject:** re: HCR 1

Dear Rep. Stoltze,

Thank you for again bringing forward HCR 1, that would establish a State Food Resource Development Working Group. I see this as a very positive way to assist and encourage more local, locally grown and produced products within Alaska. In Homer we have a very active agriculture community, that has grown tremendously over the past years with the access to high tunnels, and, the peony flower industry, alongside the long existing beef and grasslands productions. I believe the State can play a vital role in assisting these growers, to the benefit of all Alaskans, and therefore I strongly support HCR 1.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Milli Martin  
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## **Darrell Breese**

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**From:** Marsha Rouggly <mrouggly@xyz.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2013 8:28 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bill Stoltze

Dear Rep. Bill Stoltze,  
Thank you for supporting agriculture in Alaska. We need all the help we can get. I remember a time when the Seward Highway was closed by avalanche for 2 weeks, with only very short openings before another one came down. The grocery stores had bare shelves in 3 days. I think sometimes the farmers' markets are seen as a luxury or a trendy thing to do, but we serve an amazing number of people and get the freshest possible food on the plates of Alaskans. Our little Homer Farmers' Market has over a thousand visitors a day. Thank you for introducing HCR1.

Marsha Rouggly  
Homer Farmers' Market President