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Chair Bynum, Vice Chairs Morgan and Nguyen, and members of the House Committee on Economic Development and Small Business:

On behalf of thousands of activists and supporters in Oregon, I urge you to vote YES on SB 643.

The ability of an individual to have an idea, create a product and take that product to market is a fundamental part of the free market economy. Entrepreneurship should be fostered and encouraged through policies such as SB 643.

There are several reasons that changes to current cottage food laws in Oregon are necessary.

- The revenue cap needs to be adjusted to reflect a modern economy. Food price inflation has affected everyone over the last several years. One great example of that is cottage food producers. Currently capping revenue at \$20,000 does not allow much, if any, room for cottage food producers to bring home enough income to make their business worth their while.
- In a state as geographically as large and diverse as Oregon, the ability to sell items online, ship, and enter agreements with third-party sellers can make a huge difference for these entrepreneurs.
- Unique identification numbers for product labels allow for a level of personal privacy for the seller while maintaining accountability.
- We all love our four-legged friends. Removing the prohibition on pets in the home for cottage food producers, so long as the pet is not in the kitchen during operations, is a win for humans and puppies alike.

After receiving near-unanimous passage in the Senate, Americans for Prosperity asks that the House Committee on Economic Development and Small Business to pass SB 643 and allow this piece of common-sense legislation to continue its way through the legislative process.

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