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Subject: FW: Home-Grown Produce
Date: Monday, July 14, 2014 2:36:32 PM

Hello All,

FYI, I wanted to forward the below email which we received to Kniechatlarge for the record.

Best,

Feven

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From: kniechatlarge
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 2:17 PM
To: Netsanet, Feven H - City Council Operations
Subject: FW: Home-Grown Produce

Thanks,

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From: Michele Beyer [<mailto:michele.beyer616@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 2:09 PM

To: kniechatlarge
Subject: Home-Grown Produce

Robin,

I only have a moment to express my concerns with this bill that is going to pass about the home-grown product, and I wish I had the time to say more/provide more concrete evidence as to why it is a TERRIBLE idea.

My largest concern is foodborne illness - businesses that already sell fresh produce from GAP/GHP farms already have a hard enough time getting insured and making sure the produce they sell isn't going to make anybody sick, or worse yet, die. Yes, it happens - in fact the most recent here in Colorado was 2011 when 33 people died from listeria - caused by cantaloupe they ate, from a farm with contaminated water. It happens more often than we read about because for the most part, we in America have decent water sources - however, they are easily contaminated from run-off/pollution/livestock/wild animals/etc. and if they aren't regulated, people get sick or die.

I am so opposed to this bill I wish I could get on TV and tell everybody to stop supporting it, but I don't have the time. I shouldn't even be writing this email as I've got a deadline tomorrow, but I know this is going into vote today and I had to say something.

I would never, ever buy food from another person who grew it in their yard, not even my neighbor. The only way I would do that is if I went over there and inspected their operation with the GAP/GHP audit checklist and they passed with flying colors. I imagine that would be the case for perhaps 1% of these 'backyard' farmers.

The last thing I will say is this - when you allow people to sell fresh produce from their backyards, you are opening yourself up to a multitude of lawsuits - yes - if I hear of anybody who becomes ill or dies because of a food-borne illness, I will go out of my way to find out where that food came from - and if it was a backyard farmer, I won't blame them, I'll blame you. You are allowing this to happen, and it's on very poor judgement. A majority of people don't understand that food is a very serious commodity and shouldn't be grown by every Tom, Dick and Harry in the neighborhood.

Thank you,
Michele Beyer

From: [Troy Moore](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Cc: troy@milehighcomp.com
Subject: Opposed to Cottage Food Amendment (East Denver)
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2014 9:52:58 AM
Importance: High

Dear Hon City Council Members;

After reviewing the proposed Cottage Food Amendments, I would like to express my opposition to such an amendment. "Adding" such to a list of already allowable home based business that attract consumers into a neighborhood only adds to more frustration of residents trying to enjoy their home and peace without the constant flow of vehicle traffic, unknown pedestrians and other inherent issues that come with having a "home based" business that allows people to sale goods and services FROM their resident.

Zoning Ordinances were established to separate business from residential. Every time someone adds another "allowable" business to be run out of their resident, it shortens the separation between "residential" and "commercial" areas.

It has been proven in the past, that even with the already allowable businesses from within a residents household, that abuses take place. Illegal Signage's, Operation Hours (cars coming in at all hours of the day and night), other services not permitted to operate but cloaked by the permitted operation, etc.

It's found more common that regulatory enforcement is not in place or able to correct non-compliant permits because lack of time and money to investigate and handle complaints from neighbors.

Next, someone will want to sell Chicken and goat milk from their home. Where does it stop?

I HIGHLY recommend that you vote NO to the Cottage Food Amendment.

Thank you.

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