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Dear members of the board of supervisors,

I would like to express my support for the passing of the Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operation. During the last 12 months it has been extremely hard for chefs to work due to the pandemic, in the early days of the pandemic a lot of chefs who were out of work found creative and innovative ways to provide an income for themselves and serve their communities.

The result is a delicious array of foods available to a willing public.

This bill i feel will build on the existing cottage food license and give chefs/cooks an opportunity to provide foods that perhaps are not represented in SB.

With operating costs of owning a restaurant being prohibitive to many, this gives many an opportunity to try concepts in an incubator type setting, before taking the 'risk' of trying in a brick and mortar space.

If these businesses do well in a home operation and make the leap into brick & mortar, there is benefit for everyone, including the city of Santa Barbara

The truth is there is room for everyone to do well and I don't feel that it would impact existing restaurants.

I feel this bill would be an excellent addition to the thriving food scene in Santa Barbara.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sandra Adu Zelli.