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Retail Bakers of America Release ***Board of Directors Unveil Cottage Law Statement***

The business of baking continues to grow and evolve every day. As leaders in our industry, it is imperative that the Retail Bakers of America educate and inform members on pertinent matters.

On the topic of Cottage Law, the RBA Board of Directors have put a statement together that we believe considers both consumers and business owners. Below is the official Retail Bakers of America statement on Cottage Law.

RBA supports all Cottage Industry Bakers and Decorators provided that the laws regulating them are no different than licensed retail bakeries. RBA opposes all "Cottage Industry" laws that treat home bakers and decorators differently from licensed retail bakeries in these key aspects:

- 1. Home baking/decorating facilities must be licensed by an appropriate government body;*
 - 2. They must be inspected in the same manner and the same frequency as licensed retail bakeries in the same jurisdiction;*
 - 3. They must carry the appropriate insurance (including but not limited to liability and worker's compensation) for their activities; and*
 - 4. They must remit all appropriate taxes in the same manner as a licensed retail bakery.*
- RBA believes competition works best with a level playing field and all participants operate under the same set of rules.*

We hope that this statement is decisive in understanding how we stand as an organization. Thank you for your continued support of the RBA.

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