

SAMPLE COTTAGE LAW LETTER

Date

The Honorable (Name of the Government Official Here) _____
Address (include address, city, state and zip)

Dear _____:

I am writing to ask your help in bringing about a Cottage Food Law that will allow home-based baking in our state. Home-based baking involves baking from the home kitchen for profit, allowing homemade baked goods to be sold to the general public. The introduction of a Cottage Food Law would legalize the sale of these homemade baked goods in our state.

A Cottage Food Law would protect the public from unsafe food processing and provide strict guidelines for preparing homemade baked goods for sale to the general public. The baked goods would include cakes, cookies, pastries, breads and other baked goods that are considered low-risk for spoilage and contamination due to a combination of their low water content and pH level.

Currently there are 17 states that have some *type* of Cottage Food Law that allows for the production of homemade baked goods sold either only at Farmers' Markets or to the general public. The states are: Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Utah, and Wyoming.

Your assistance is vital in the creation of a Cottage Food Law in our state and I would like to know that I can count on your help and support in making this law a reality. My contact information is below. I look forward to discussing this issue further and will contact your office to schedule an appointment to further discuss the possibilities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name
Address
Phone Number
Email