

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Submitted to the Committee on Public Health
For SB 26

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Hearing Date: May 15, 2023 10:00 AM

Hilary Toma
Self
The Woodlands, TX

I urge all members of the Committee to support SB 26. This bill will go a long way to advance mental health care in the State, especially among families and children.

L Quentin Dixon
Self/concerned citizen
Spring, TX

Please SUPPORT SB 26. Currently, Texas has woefully inadequate mental health resources for children. Especially due to the increase in mental health issues due to COVID and other challenging situations among our children and teens, we need additional resources such as those provided by SB 26, which prioritizes mental health programs that serve children and their families.

Sylvia Campbell
self, retired
The Woodlands, TX

Dear Members of the Public Health Committee,
Texas needs this bill! We are sorely lacking in mental health resources for our people.
Please vote YES on SB 26.
Thank you,
Sylvia Campbell

Susan Reese
Self. Retired.
Conroe, TX

I am writing in support SB 26. This bill will go a long way to advance mental health care in the State, especially among families and children. There is no reason Texas, with all its resources, should be rated last in mental health care for children.

Patricia Garris

Retired

Spring, TX

Please support the expansion of mental health care through Innovation Grants. the Governor has placed the gun violence epidemic at the foot of mental health. oddly, he did this after stripping mental health care from the budget. Perhaps he really doesn't believe this. However, with Texas having the highest uninsured population, there is a need to address this issue. Hopefully, it will create opportunities not just for treatment but financial and education support for mental health care professionals.

Lou Ann Montana

Self/Retired

The Woodlands, TX

I am ashamed at Texas' relative state ranking with regard to the provision of and access to mental health services for both adults and children.

Please SUPPORT Senate Bill 26 and expand these services.

Peggy Roscoe

Self

Conroe, TX

I urge you to support SB 26. Texas ranks last in mental health care for children. It ranks 33rd for adults. This bill is necessary for the mental health of the citizens of the state of Texas.

Wanda Anderson

Self - Retired teacher

Spring, TX

Please support SB 26. We need to help children and adults with mental health needs.

Carol Ortiz, Ms.

Self/retired

Montgomery, TX

Please support SB 26. This bill will go a long way to advance mental health care in the State, especially among families and children.

Carolyn Mitchell, Rev.

Texas Women for Justice

Conroe, TX

Members of the House Public Health Committee, I urge you to support SB 26. This bill will go a long way to advance mental health care in the State, especially among families and children.

Thank you for your attention.

Rev. Carolyn Mitchell

Mary Branson

self/retired

Spring, TX

Please support this important bill. With all the violence in this state, and with all the mental health needs that are currently unmet, we need to find ways to improve the availability of mental health services to Texas children and families.

Dede Fox

Dede Fox

The Woodlands, TX

Support SB 26. This bill will go a long way to advance mental health care in the State, especially among families and children. The governor loves to blame gun disasters on mental health, but he doesn't do a thing about it. "In 2022, Texas ranked dead last when it comes to access to children's mental health services and 33rd for adult care, according to Mental Health America, a nonprofit advocacy group."

Charles Bastian

self

Elgin, TX

We support this 100%. Taxes should be spent on helping mental health, instead of making things worse by letting untrained individuals terrorize those with mental health issues.

Gabriela Lopez

Self

Spring, TX

Dear Representatives, as a supporter of Cottage Food Producers please know I support SB 829, and it would mean the world to me and thousands more Texans if you can help support SB 829 too.

I have friends who are Cottage Food Producers that want to grow into a proper small business, and SB 829 gives them that opportunity. Current Cottage Food Law limits their reach to what they can directly sell and distribute, a massive challenge when you are the only person who restocks inventory, bakes, receives orders, sells, and delivers each item directly. SB 829 offers an immediate solution to this bottleneck challenge by allowing for resale/wholesale, which would be like putting rocket boosters on to help them go higher, further, faster.

In today's economic environment, the only way some businesses can afford to hire help and sign a commercial kitchen lease is by working together with other local entrepreneurs instead of alone, which is why SB 829 is critical for every micro entrepreneur who is serious about contributing to our economy in a more impactful manner. With your support, should SB 829 become law, it would be a game-changer for my friends and every hard working Texan that's cooking and baking from home to build a better tomorrow rather than waiting for hand me downs by the government.

Please help us support SB 829 so we can grow our Texas small businesses and create new jobs by allowing them to work together instead of alone. Thank you for everything you do for our great State, God bless you and God bless Texas.

Kim Wright

Self

Longview, TX

I support this bill because I believe it's good for the Cottage Food Industry. .

Lindi Loy

Self

Dallas, TX

For

Douglas Levack

Self/self employed

Galveston, TX

Please pass this bill

Amanda Sullivan

Self - owner of a storefront bakery

Watauga, TX

I ?? support this bill. I worked out of my own home for many years and know that we should all have the opportunity to start from where we are in life. If you have the desire to bake and make a living doing this kind of skilled work then you should be able to do so . This is how America was made.

CRYSTAL HARRELL

Self

Garland, TX

I support this bill

Brandy Bowlen

Myself

Spring, TX

Please pass SB 829. This bill is life-changing for the cottage food in Texas. It can make the difference between baking as a side job to living your dream of baking for your community full-time.