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Support of SB19-103: The Legalization of Minors' Businesses

Committee Members:

Our economy runs on commerce. A love of commerce comes much easier if you love it through a very natural, small ground roots way. What better way than for a child to hear of a need and want to help raise money to solve that need. Or they have a want and they understand they need to earn their own money to pay for that want.

Those are fundamental teachings parents try and teach their children. However, what means more and is remembered more? Raising money by just making your bed (something you should be doing anyway without pay) or planning, developing, buying supplies, understanding expenses and profit by selling lemonade?

My brother started his mowing business at very young age by going around to neighbor's houses. He earned and saved enough to buy his car at 16, a classic ford charger. He learned then that hard work pays off and he is now extremely successful. Had he not instilled the love of work and the results so young, he may not have continued on his fruitful path.

Our country is founded on entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs are our future. Feeling encouraged to take on a project to earn money, especially if for a local church, girl scout group or a next door neighbor going through chemo, is how communities become better. Our world needs entrepreneurs and also those who want to help the world around them.

I urge you to celebrate entrepreneurs, not stifle them unnecessarily. They are problem solver's by seeing a need, like selling lemonade on a hot day. Supply and demand! Economics 101! Invaluable lessons for those under 18 to learn while it is more likely to stick because they have experienced it in real life. We want to encourage kids at a young age to start thinking about the value of money and hard work. Our economy will only be better for it.

Please support SB19-103. It is the right thing to do for all parties involved.

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