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H.B. No. 175: Allow residence owners to keep small livestock on property

Statement on position: I am strongly in favor of H.B. 175 to restore livestock and food availability to property owners.

Grandparents purchased property in 1970

- 7 children sustained on very limited income
- Homestead; more than 100 chickens and other fowl, 7-10 cattle, massive garden
- Canning and freezing food for family



Very rural village with many neighboring farms

- Cow and pig farms
- Food crops grown on 3 sides of my property
- Many Amish farms nearby



Child with special needs

- Celiac disease- must avoid all wheat and gluten
 - Extremely sensitive to cross contamination
 - Cannot even consume local Amish eggs
- Autism, ADHD, Sensory Processing Disorder, Oppositional Defiant Disorder
 - Cannot consume dairy or artificial dyes
- Limited access to food
 - Ashland nearest grocery store, 10 miles and does not have everything needed
 - Travel extraordinary distances for supplies in 3 different counties
 - Mansfield 31, Wadsworth 34, Akron 43 miles
 - Traveling and shopping is very difficult

Combating the food desert by recreating my family's homestead

- Chicken keeping allows diet control, prevent wheat reaction
- Organic gardening; fruits, vegetables, herbs

Legally prevented from completing our 2 acre homestead

- Local zoning ordinances prohibit small livestock on less than 3 acres
- The original and natural purpose of the land has been removed
- Prevents us from having goats
 - Fresh goat milk caused no reaction in my son

We would like the freedom to keep small livestock, as needed

- Increased food availability
- Increased nutrition value
- Safer food for my son
- Additional benefits
 - Increased time outdoors, less screen time
 - Teach responsibility
 - Opportunity to connect to nature and another living being

