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HB 315

Mr Chairman and members of the Business and Labor Committee my name is John Tubbs. I support HB 315 and want to thank Representative Facey for sponsoring this bill.

I support this bill for the following reasons.

1) As a small business, microbreweries face the same economic pressures that other small businesses. Current law directly impacts their ability to make a profit.

2) Yes, a microbrew tap room provides a small level of compitition to a tavern. But it also adds business to taverns. Many times I see people stop by the Blackfoot Brewery for a pint in the tap room only to go next door to Millers or across the Street to the wind bag. The same is true at the Lewis & Clark brewery

3) My wife has asthma. We prefer the tap room at the Blackfoot Brewery because it is a woundervful social environment that is smoke free. Others may prefer bars and taverns in Helena our choice is the backfoot brewery tap room. We just don't go to bars.

4. The Blackfoot taproom attracts people to downtown Helena. This is good for all downtown business. The more people that go downtown to the Blackfoot only adds to the total vibrance of the downtown business district.

Thank you

John E. [illegible]

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