

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Thomas Ticknor, and I am 9 years old. I am here to ask you to please vote no on Senate Bill 232 for a state pancake.

Government should make laws that keep us free and safe, this bill doesn't do either so it isn't needed.

Every bill that people try to make cost the people who pay taxes more money. This is not important enough to use tax money to make into a law. This bill takes up your time too and you have a lot of other bills to work on. It is not necessary for Montana to have a state food.

There should not be a huckleberry whole wheat state pancake because Montana produces lots of different crops like barley, sunflowers, sugar beets, flaxseed, hay, and honey. Montana also has a lot of different wild berries like strawberries, cherries, raspberries, and chokecherries. It is not right to make one kind more special than another when there are so many different foods that are important and special to Montana.

Laws should be about things that are really important. A state pancake is not important, so please vote no on Senate Bill 232.

Thank you for listening to my testimony.

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