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Dear Honorable Representative Webber,

I kindly request your Regulatory Reform Committee to hold a hearing for bills **HB 6446 & HB 6447**.

I have Celiac Disease and I am medically required to eat a gluten-free diet. Dining out and ordering gluten-free food can be like playing roulette with my health because restaurants often are not aware of the precautions needed to prepare and serve gluten-free food. When a restaurant claims to offer gluten-free food, I need to ask many questions to ascertain whether or not they know how to serve a dish that is gluten-free. Often, restaurants are misinformed and/or haven’t taken the time to train their staff. If a restaurant wants to say they are offering gluten-free food, it is important that the food complies to the FDA definition of gluten-free. When restaurants don’t take the proper precautions, it affects my health both short and long term. It may cause me to miss work and short-term effects could linger for 3-4 weeks. We are asking that a restaurant claiming to offer a gluten-free food item understand how to do this correctly so as to not sicken me or other people with Celiac Disease, Dermatitis Herpetiformis or Gluten Sensitivity. Further, there are many people with other Autoimmune Conditions, ADHD, ADD or Autism requiring a gluten-free diet. These bills would benefit a wide range of Michigan residents.

It is important to pass HB 6446 & HB 6447 to protect Michigander’s basic right to a healthy life. I kindly request the Regulatory Reform Committee to hold a hearing for this bill and bring this bill to vote. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Your Name

Celiac Disease Patient & Michigan Constituent