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VOTE EXPLANATION

June 26, 2020

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building, H271
Salem, OR 97301

RE: YES Vote Explanation on HB 4206

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I voted YES on HB 4206 for the following reasons and more... I have been working on Oregon creating a State Meat Inspection Program since our '17 Session that will assist our rural farmers and ranchers across our state.

I drafted HB 4152 in the '20 legislative session that passed the House unanimously but died with all of the hundreds of other bills due to the abrupt end of session over Cap & Trade and the unwillingness to allow the people the right to vote. This bill is HB 4152 with a clarifying amendment regarding equines.

The Covid Pandemic created serious issues regarding processing protein and our food supply chains are still in flux. This legislation will create new opportunities for our communities, businesses, residents and farmers and ranchers.

I want to also thank my congressional colleagues, Senator Wyden and Senator Merkley, for their joint letter in support to Secretary Perdue.

Respectfully,

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