



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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Governor Scott Walker
State Capitol, Room 115 East
Madison, WI 53702

Governor Walker,

As you review the 2013-2015 biennial budget bill, we write to highlight the bipartisan support for the provision designating Kringle as Wisconsin's Official State Pastry, and to urge you to retain this provision.


The Kringle is not only a delicious treat that pays tribute to many Wisconsin residents' Danish heritage, but it also represents thriving businesses in Southeast Wisconsin. At one point, Racine had more than 20 different bakeries that all produced Kringle. Hundreds of people are currently employed in the making and distribution of Kringle, a product that is now sold nationwide.

Designating the Kringle as Wisconsin's Official State Pastry would not only boost Racine's economy, it would put Racine and Southeast Wisconsin on the culinary map. There is no other state that has such a strong tradition of the Kringle pastry. Therefore we find it important that Wisconsin bestow this designation and honor on the Kringle as the Official Wisconsin State Pastry.

Naming Kringle as our state's Official State Pastry will be a source of great pride to the communities we represent in Southeast Wisconsin. We urge you to retain this provision in the biennial budget. As one Kringle baker put it, "New York will have its bagel and Wisconsin will have its Kringle."

Please contact any of us if you have questions.


Sincerely,



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