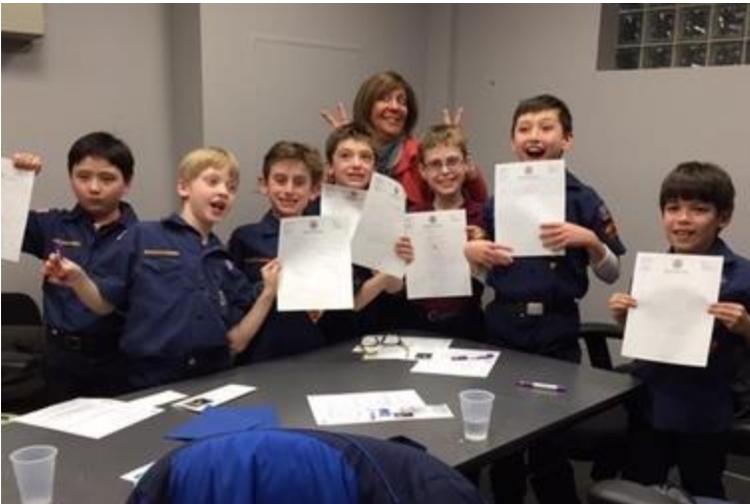


These Boy Scouts Really Hate Pumpkin Pie



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Rep. Sara Feigenholtz worked with Boy Scouts at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Academy to write letters opposing pumpkin pie as the Illinois state pie.
Courtesy of Rep. Sara Feigenholtz

LAKEVIEW — State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz was not expecting such fierce opposition to a House bill — especially not from a group of Boy Scouts.

During a visit with students from [Our Lady of Mount Carmel Academy](#) on Monday, Feigenholtz (D-Chicago) spoke with the youngsters about the legislative process. To demonstrate how a bill becomes law, she showed them House Bill 208, which seeks to designate pumpkin pie as the official state pie of Illinois.

But when [Feigenholtz](#) explained the bill to the third- and fourth-grade students, she got more responses than she bargained for.

"In all my years as a lawmaker, I've never seen such indignation," said Feigenholtz, whose district covers parts of Lakeview, Lincoln Park, Uptown and Near North Side. "Those kids really don't like pumpkin pie."

In letters to the bill's chief sponsor, State Rep. Keith Sommer (R-Morton), the Boy Scouts offered alternatives to pumpkin pie like "blueberry," "peanut butter chocolate" and "key lime." Basically, anything but pumpkin.

"NO Pumpkin pie. I said Noooooooooo pumpkin pie. You heard me Noooooooooooooooooooooo pumpkin pie. Sincerely Connor," wrote one impassioned future voter.

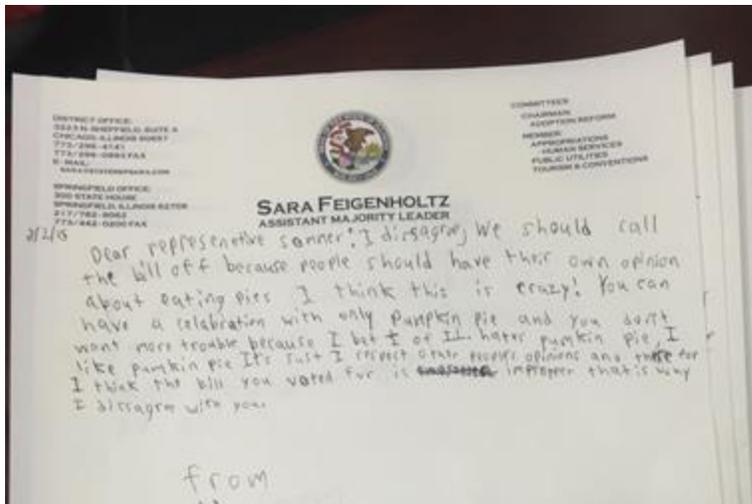
House Bill 208 will go before the Museums, Arts & Cultural Enhancement Committee during a Thursday hearing. Sommer did not immediately return a request for comment.

Ariel Chueng says the kids weren't shy about their thoughts:

If the bill passes, Illinois will join two other states with official pies. Key lime pie was named Florida's official pie in 2006. Vermont chose apple for its state pie in 1999.

Four other states have pies as official desserts and treats, including Louisiana (Natchitoches meat pie is the state pie), Maine (the state dessert is blueberry pie with wild Maine blueberries, and the state treat is a whoopie pie), Massachusetts (Boston cream pie is the state dessert) and Oklahoma (pecan pie was named the state dessert in 1988).

In 2007, Illinois designated gold rush apples as its state fruit, while its official snack food is popcorn.



In a letter to State Rep. Keith Sommer, a Boy Scout voices his opposition to naming pumpkin pie as the state pie. The letter reads "Dear representetive Sommer: I dissagree, we should call the bill off because people should have their own opinion about eating pies. I think this is crazy! You can have a celabration with only pumpkin pie and you don't want more trouble because I bet 1/2 of I.L. hates pumkin pie, I like pumkin pie. It's just I respect other people's opinions and there for I think the bill you voted for is improper. That is why I dissagree with you. from, Aidan."

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