

April 10, 2013

To: Oregon State House Committee on RevenueFrom: Main Street Alliance of OregonRe: Support for Closing Corporate Offshore Tax Haven Loopholes

Chair Barnhart and Committee Members,

At this time the Main Street Alliance of Oregon, a coalition of over 1200 small businesses across the state, is not taking a formal position on HB2456, but we support some ideas brought up in the bill. We might wish to submit more testimony at another time after further consideration of the bill.

Today, we are in support of the idea of closing corporate tax loopholes, especially ones that allow for offshore tax havens. We feel, as small business owners, that when corporations use offshore tax haven loopholes to avoid their tax responsibility, it robs the country of the resources we need to invest in the future, and it puts small businesses at a competitive disadvantage.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this manner.

Yours respectfully,

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