

My name is Nikki Elliott and my husband & I own 3 businesses in Yamhill County. I strongly oppose the numerous taxes on working Oregonians proposed in the -1 amendment to HB 2674.

For most Oregon businesses, 2020 was the most difficult year in their existence: from the state shutting down businesses due to Covid to the rampaging wildfires and now to the ice storms in 2021. We have all had to lay off workers, completely reinvent our business models, deal with extreme product availability & freight issues, and tighten our belts beyond what we thought possible. And that was all while dealing with the CAT gross sales tax that you instituted at the end of 2019! Our family alone paid over \$12,500 for that single new tax!!!

Now you are introducing legislation that would not only cripple our already struggling small businesses, and for some will be the final death blow, but would negatively impact the budgets of our local emergency services including fire, paramedics & police, who all have diesel vehicles in their fleets.

Why would you do that to a state you claim to love? To a population you swore to serve? At one of our lowest points in history, you are choosing to kick us all when we are down. That is the opposite of good leadership.

I urge you to vote 'NO' on the -1 amendment to HB 2674. It is wrong to tax small businesses, particularly during such challenging times, especially to solve urban problems by taxing rural areas.