



To Whom It May Concern,

I am the owner of Southpaw's Pizza in Albany and Eugene as well as Shortstops Burgers in Albany. I opened these restaurants as a vessel to give back to our community and give our local youth a safe place to join in the workforce. This last year has been horrifying to say the least. Without such programs as the PPP, all of my life savings that were put into these restaurants would be gone. We are still not out of the woods yet and getting back to where we were before will take years if it is even possible. At this point I am in jeopardy of losing two of my businesses, along with my life savings that was earned as a Colonel in the US Army. We cannot find employees due to people choosing not to work, minimum wage is set to increase shortly, and we are not allowed to operate at our full capacity. We are still losing money daily.

Needless to say, I am completely against SB 137-2. The PPP funds were to be utilized by small businesses for payroll and to help us through this mandatory shutdown. Never were these funds to be used for profit, therefore they are NON-TAXABLE! Taxing small businesses like mine will be pushing us further in debt and towards bankruptcy. This will only further destroy our economy and our community.

Very Respectfully,

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