

Dear Committee members,

To say the last 14 months has been a challenge would be a gross understatement of what I and many other small business owners have had to endure due to the pandemic.

Closed for over 4 months by the order of my state Government with all of my other operating costs besides payroll still in place is not conducive to staying in business.

As a owner of two fitness centers, now just one, the only thing that has kept my remaining location afloat is the PPP money I received from the Federal Government.

Now you want to tax those dollars as income? You should all be ashamed for even considering this option. The Federal government offers us assistance and you now want a piece of that pie? The only reason small businesses needed the money was due to the forced closure by the state.

I have been in business for 24 years as a self employed entrepreneur in this fine state and in all of my years I have never felt the need to reach out to my legislature and voice my opinion. Your reckless consideration of this tax has forced me to no longer remain silent.

Respectfully Yours,

David Faxon