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On Behalf Of: Rebel Spirit

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

Measure: HB2505

My name is Chris Bechler and I'm writing to urge you to oppose HB 2505, a sales tax that will burden consumers and small businesses alike. In Eugene, where I live, I can trust that cannabis products are tested and labeled, tracked and legal. I'd like these things to continue to be true!

Don't let HB 2505 move forward. Increased sales taxes will only hurt our business, adding more financial stress in an already horrible market. Our company, Rebel Spirit, in Eugene now employs 21 full time workers. One year ago, we employed 46. We are fighting to keep from going under. I am proud to have been in the legal cannabis industry in Oregon since 2016, but we are afraid that if this passes, we will go under. Simply, this tax would make it harder for us to be price competitive with the illicit market, create more financial instability for our business, and hurt our ability to innovate and expand.

Please oppose any new cannabis sales taxes or tax increases. Don't kill our cannabis industry.