



February 8, 2023

House Committee on Revenue
Chair Nancy Nathanson
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE, Room 160
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB2433 - Support Small Businesses; Raise the CAT exemption threshold

TO: Chair Nancy Nathanson and the House Committee on Revenue,

The Silverton Chamber of Commerce and our 246 members respectfully call on you to support HB 2433, a fair and timely piece of legislation, that would increase the Corporate Activities Tax (CAT) exemption threshold for small businesses from \$1 million to \$5 million and provide much needed tax relief to thousands of small businesses across Oregon. Publicly, the CAT was sold as a tax to be shouldered only by big corporations. In reality, we know it to be a tax on Main Street businesses at a disproportionately high rate carried not only on their gross receipts but also throughout their supply chain costs.

Our small businesses have weathered a tremendous storm over the last few years, including unprecedented tax increases. It's too much on the backs of these business owners and is a recipe for mass exodus from the state and our communities in the Willamette Valley.

We strive at the Silverton Chamber to promote and maintain a friendly business environment in our community and the state overall. Passage of HB2433 would be a great step in that direction for our state. We strongly encourage you to support our small businesses and pass HB2433.

Sincerely,

Stacy Palmer, IOM
Executive Director