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Hello, I am a small business owner with my family. I live in Corvallis but the store is in Myrtle Point.

This bill needs to pass to increase the small business exemption to because \$1 million in gross sales isn't a small business anymore, its a bankrupt business.

I am a very old school conservative person that doesn't get involved with Salem very much but its time to make an exception!

Through our store my brother and I employ 18 local people and support the local schools and fundraisers. I think it should be repealed but until then please pass this bill to increase the exemption. I have had to double and triple my prices on things because all my expenses have skyrocketed under the "leadership" of our current President. I honestly don't know why anybody still buys anything from me but I have managed to stay in business and make a little profit for my brother to live on.

Today in order to make the same profit I had 3.3 million in gross sales last year, double my sales from just 5 years ago when CAT tax was passed. Back then the small business \$1 million exemption almost covered me from having to pay it. Since then in order to stay alive my sales are up to 3.3 million and my profit is the same or lower but now Salem wants \$10k of my profit in CAT tax. Back in December I just bought group health INS for my employees for the first time, something I am pretty sure was a mistake because I can't afford it but also can't keep employees without it. Now Salem wants thousands more in CAT tax just because sales went up, not my profit. Which is why this law is insane but I'm not going to get into that right now.