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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB764

Here is another bill proposing to shift the burden of state taxes from wealthier people to everyday people struggling to get by. Look, I can see the benefit in helping small, family-owned businesses to thrive, but this bill doesn't even try to differentiate between small farms, most of which are 50 acres or less in Oregon, and multi-million dollar operations. Nor does it attempt to differentiate between small businesses, which some define as those employing 500 or fewer workers, and giant corporations. It only specifies that "75 percent or more of the business enterprise is owned by one or more family members." This is a very low bar for granting tax relief. Most people that I know do sympathize with the struggles of small businesses, but they believe that big, wealthy farms and businesses have enough power as it is. Please consider fairness to the majority of your constituents and vote no on SB 764. Thank You.