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I have owned a cigar shop in Oregon for thirty-three years. I have watched Oregon chip away at their revenue streams at the behest of special interest making false promises of health cost saving for most of my time in business. Cigarette tax revenue once went to support many basic state services. As that revenue source has declined politicians have been adding more taxes and fees, yet they still come up short of the needed funds.

It is time to sit out a ban and maybe lift some other bans, like smoking in bars or at lottery machines. I don't own a bar anymore, the stateside smoking ban took away that part of our business. Shutdown with a mere signature on a piece of paper, twenty percent of our business gone without compensation. Trust me, I have nothing kind to say about this state.

Respectfully submitted,
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