

As some of the other testimony states, there is confusion on how the current CAT tax is calculated. It is based on Gross Revenue over \$1MM. As a small business owner, have consistently paid my “share” of CAT tax every year since it was introduced. During that time, we have had COVID lockdowns, High interest Rates, and all manor of economic headwinds in Portland. All of which is to say, while we have most years grown our Gross Revenues, it has required a larger and larger expense to reach those Gross Receipts. As a result our business has either broken even or incurred a loss as we attempt to grow. The old adage, it takes money to make money, is especially true for small businesses. We have to compete with large corporations who are already well established. By taxing our Gross Revenue rather than our Net Income, it is a slap in the face for those of us who want to invest in growth. We employ 13 people and work with numerous sub-contractors to deliver a great service to our customers. We would be able to employ many more, if we were not burden with a tax impacts of CAT. I ask that the Committee support the increase to the filing threshold for the Corporate Activities Tax.