



March 3, 2025

**Support for SB 381 & SB 490 to Increase CAT Tax Exemption for Oregon's Small Businesses**

Dear Chair Meek, Vice-Chair McLane, and Members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue:

On behalf of the Tigard Area Chamber of Commerce and the hundreds of diverse businesses we represent, I am writing to express our strong support for SB 381 and SB 490, legislation that will provide much-needed tax relief for Oregon's Small Business community by increasing the exemption threshold for the Corporate Activity Tax (CAT) from \$1 million to \$5 million beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

This legislation represents a vital step toward ensuring that small businesses not only survive, but thrive, in Oregon's ever-changing economic landscape. Small businesses are the cornerstone of our state's economy, driving job creation, fostering innovation, and strengthening local communities. Many are still grappling with the aftermath of the global pandemic, facing escalating challenges like rising costs, limited access to resources, competition with large corporations, and difficulties in securing a skilled workforce.

SB 381 and SB 490 directly address these obstacles by allowing business owners to redirect potential tax payments back into their operations, empowering them to invest in their employees and reinvest in their local communities.

Without such legislative support, small businesses will continue to face mounting financial and operational pressures. We strongly encourage you to support SB 381 or SB 490 and champion policies that empower Oregon's small businesses and create a more business-friendly environment across the state.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MDS', is positioned below the 'Regards,' text.

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