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I am in support of this bill for the following reasons:

1. The Corporate Activity Tax put the state's overall tax burden and the trajectory of state spending on the backs of small pharmaceutical businesses and impacted rural communities such as my own where we had 2 pharmacies but, lost Bi-Mart pharmacies (in LaPine, Sisters, and Prineville. Walgregns put in a small pharmacy in the Bi-Marts in LaPine and Prineville but, they do not have the same level of service as Bi-Mart gave their customers. Burns OR only has 1 pharmacy in town (Safeway which is a critical access pharmacy by OHA rules). Burns lost their Rite-Aid due to downsizing by the company.
2. The CAT tax has hit fixed incomes, those disabled, veterans, and senior citizens. (Fred Meyer will no long take Tri -Care or CIGMA insurance. (Military retiree's and veterans have Health insurance through these 2 companies).
3. Oregonians rank #3 in the nation as the poorest due to high taxes (personal income tax, property tax, and CAT Tax. Under these taxes personal income shrinks. Oregon State government is ranked FOURTH biggest in the nation measure by per capita spending. Oregon has more tax cash than 46 other states.

Thank you,

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