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Response  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3197

We respectfully ask that you VOTE DOWN the taxation of beer and wine. This will be devastating to our small businesses and an unnecessary burden. We are a small business in Burns, OR. A new 8% sales tax on beer, wine and cider would only make it harder for those of us trying to make our hard-earned dollars stretch. This massive sales tax harms Oregonians who just want to grab a drink with a coworker after a hard day at work or take mom out for Mother's Day brunch with mimosas or the sports enthusiast buying a 6-pack for a watch party with friends.

Beer, wine, cider and spirits are an essential part of Oregon's economy and identity, employing hundreds of thousands of Oregonians and contributing \$17 billion in economic activity. But these local businesses are facing major challenges with inflation, supply chain issues, employee shortages, natural disasters, a pandemic, record closures and fewer people drinking. Oregon lawmakers should be working on policies that help this homegrown industry thrive, and they definitely should not be raising prices through regressive sales taxes on constituents when we're already experiencing record highs. Don't Tax My Drink – Oppose HB 3197!