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On Behalf Of: Binary Brewing Group LLC
Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety
Response
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3197

To Whom it May Concern,

My company, Binary Brewing, is a small brewery and taproom in Beaverton OR. I employ 6 people and pay a distributor to ship my beer around the Metro area. Even in the current pre-tariff environment and at the current tax rates I am able to stay in business because I am able to absorb the business losses I am experiencing. All else equal, we will hit revenue neutral this year or next, and with hope will continue to grow modestly.

Raising the tax on beer and wine will force me to raise prices to my customers because I will not be able to absorb that additional cost. Larger brewers/taprooms may eat the difference, but there is a high risk that my customer base will move to cheaper alternatives and locations.

A higher tax will drive up my costs and drive away demand - right as tariffs hit me since most of our malt grain comes from Canada and Europe. I will not be able to stay in business; my employees will lose their jobs; Beaverton will lose its only in-town brewery.

Please vote NO on HB3197