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The amount of pressure our businesses are under is astounding. Our sales volume is as high as it has ever been, but our profits are the lowest they've been since the Great Recession and our cash flow is NEGATIVE. The government of our beautiful state should be making it easier for small businesses to thrive, not harder. It makes no sense to raise taxes on our states great wineries, breweries, distilleries, restaurants and gathering spaces.

Equally important to us is the fact that we were willing to legalize meth, fentanyl, heroine, cocaine for years which ruined so many people's lives. We legalize drugs and incentive people to become addicts because there are no penalties for possessing hard drugs. Yet, we'll penalize law abiding citizens and businesses who want to buy our states world class pinot, craft beer, spirits and ciders? It makes no sense to harm actual legitimate economic drivers of our great state, but give a free pass to people using hard drugs that are WAY more harmful to themselves and to society at large.

If anything, we should be lowering taxes on small businesses.