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On Behalf Of: STAG HOLLOW WINES LLC
Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety
Response
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3197

Dear Members of the Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety
Response,

Thank you for your representation and service in our state Capitol.

I urge you to oppose House Bill 3197, which is before your committee, as it would harm me and every other legal-drinking-aged Oregonian and so many small businesses that are already suffering losses due to high inflation.

My husband, Mark Huff, and I own a small winery and vineyard, established in 1990 near the towns of Yamhill and Carlton. HB 3197 would be a significant burden upon our family business. We keep our prices reasonable and have a lot of regular customers. It would impact our prices to our customers and certainly reduce our sales and affect our livelihood.

We already have the highest cost increases in generations on glass, barrels, labor and even capsules, corks and paper and no end in sight, a new, unprecedented 8% sales tax would only make it more difficult for our business and customers trying to make their hard-earned dollars stretch. An 8% increase in the cost of Oregon wine would have a damaging impact on our sales.

Lawmakers should not be raising prices through regressive sales taxes on constituents. Please, don't advance HB 3197, which will only harm Oregonians and an industry that contributes so much to the state's identity, culture and economy.

Sincerely,

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