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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety
Response

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3197

I, Travis Darney, as head-brewer and co-owner of Side A Brewing Company in La Grande, respectfully oppose HB 3197. The measure would be Oregon's first ever grocery store and restaurant sales tax, and 8%?!?. As not only a producer, but a consumer as well... No. Just no.

Then there is the wholly illogical idea of not including liquor in this tax, which seems to only disparage producers of low-alcohol beverages. In fact, there really doesn't seem to be much logic going on with much of this at all.

How much more trying for this taxation needs to happen, when 87.5 percent of public comments in 2024 opposed these very tax increases?