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Oregon craft brewers and winemakers are an essential part of our workforce and identity as a state. We are known for growing, producing, and sharing some of the best examples of artisan beverages in the entire country. That sentiment, coupled with surging inflation, makes HB3197 a misguided tactic by seemingly anti-alcohol policymakers and groups. It also aims to curb underage drinking, which is currently at an all-time low, and fails to make sound logical connections between the two. Before imposing new taxes on struggling consumers and vital industries, we should be looking at OHA's inability to properly budget, fund, and account for spending. The current leadership has shown they an inability to use the funding they currently have effectively and transparently. Oregon taxpayers deserve a more effective government (that is already well funded) and not a new unnecessary sales tax.