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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety
Response

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I am a beer distributor. I am an Oregonian. I am a consumer on a budget. I am empathetic with the different crisis situations in our state.

I also know the small and even larger breweries in this state, who provide not just beer, but community, culture, and experience work very hard with integrity, consideration, and care. Each and every brewery I work with cares about the community and the impact they have on their communities and beyond. The money they bring in serves local employees, local farmers, and their families. To pass a tax on these folks and their customers is inconsiderate of the time and dedication they put in.

To ask for local alcohol to be taxed is asking local breweries to go out of business. Then who will the money support? The state of Oregon needs to be more transparent with the money given for the programs at hand and let the taxpayers know what was done with each dollar, not misappropriate or have unaccounted for funds, then blame and ask an industry that goes above and beyond to care for the people of this state to foot the bill. Again.

Thank you for your time and consideration.