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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3115

Dear Committee Members,

As A Oregonian, I strongly oppose House Bill 3115, which bans the sale or purchase of certain winning lottery tickets, denies tax deductions for such purchases, and allows winners to withhold personal information. This bill unfairly burdens rural/small town residents and threatens small businesses that provide a vital service by buying lottery tickets, particularly in areas like mine that are far from the claim office

Living in a Medford or Klamath Falls means limited access to lottery claims offices. The nearest office is in Wilsonville, or Salem a 5- to 10-hour round trip. For working folks, single parents, or those without reliable transportation, that's not just inconvenient—it's a barrier. Small businesses, often local shops or check-cashing services, step in by buying winning tickets at a discount. They offer cash on the spot, saving us travel costs, lost wages, or the risk of mailing a ticket that could get lost. Banning these transactions forces winners to navigate a system that feels stacked against us.

These ticket-buying businesses aren't just helping winners—they're part of our local economy. They take on the hassle of claiming prizes, cover travel expenses, and assume risks like tax reporting, earning a modest profit in return. In small towns with few jobs, these businesses support families and keep money local. HB 3115 would choke their revenue, potentially driving them out of business and leaving winners with no practical way to claim prizes.

The bill's tax deduction ban adds insult to injury, penalizing businesses that already comply with IRS and Oregon tax rules on winnings.

Please reject HB 3115. Support small town Oregonians and the small businesses that serve us by keeping ticket sales legal and improving access to claims instead.