

I am an employee of a small, locally owned food service business in Portland. We operate as a cashless business in order to discourage break-ins, robberies, and maintain a safe environment for ourselves and our customers.

If the State insists on enforcing a law that forces us to accept cash, I would propose that it also enacts laws that forces insurance companies to stop raising rates on small businesses every time one of our windows gets broken. Maybe even a state sponsored insurance policy for businesses that fall victim to crimes and property damage.

I would like to see some actual effort put in to reducing crime and increasing services for people who struggle with mental illness or are living in poverty. More safety and security personnel that are able to keep employees of public facing businesses safe.

Bottom line; make it safe and affordable for businesses to accept cash before you force them to.