

Hello,

My name is Stefanie Lyons, I work with franchisee's through my position with 7Eleven inc, I am writing in today to oppose Bill 702; the bill disproportionately affects small business owners who many are minorities, woman owners and sole bread winners of many families, both within 7Eleven, but also all small business owners, who will be losing close to 30% of their business. Many of these man and woman support their communities with free backpacks for the back to school rush, free lunches in the summer for low income youth. They support little leagues and are always willing to give away slurpees if it means a smile on someone's face. This bill will effectively stop most if not all community engagement, as these owners will have to make hard choices that will impact their lively hoods, but also the jobs of the many people they employeee.

Decimating small businesses in favor of state owned liquor stores will be a huge economic impact felt by all Oregonians.

The issues raised in the bill will NOT be stopped by moving sales to liquor stores, the youth testifying at today's hearing said it " someone over 21 buys it, the kids buy it from them or dealers" limiting what can be sold in a C store environment is not the answer, the problem starts and ends at home. It's parents responsibility to parent their children, and have consequences for those failures.

Teens accessing age restricted products has been a decades long issue, raising the age to 21 did little to change the trajectory of youths smoking, they just found someone older to buy what they want.

I'll end with this, I am not saying there isn't a problem with youth accessing products they shouldn't have access too, and I don't have the answer, however I do know that bill 702 will not have the desired effect that the champions of the bill have in mind, but it will destroy lively hoods, and No they can not just find other Products to sell to make up the lost income.

Thank you for your time