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House Committee On Rules

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SB243

My name is John Joost and I am a concerned Oregon resident writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 243.

This bill represents another example of overreach that places additional burdens on working families, small businesses, and local communities that are already struggling to stay afloat in today's economy. Oregon is one of the most expensive states to live in, with rising costs in housing, fuel, food, and basic services. Rather than offering relief, SB 243 adds to the pressure by introducing policies that are either unfunded, poorly targeted, or create more government bureaucracy at the expense of everyday people.

I ask you to consider how this bill will actually impact people on the ground — not in theory or in talking points, but in real life. We are still recovering from the lasting effects of the pandemic, inflation is hitting every corner of our budgets, and many Oregonians are already working two or more jobs just to survive. Instead of piling on new legislation, we should be focusing on better budgeting, smarter use of existing funds, and holding agencies accountable for the money they already receive.

We elect you to prioritize the needs of the people, not to push through legislation that sounds good on paper but causes harm in practice. Oregon families don't need more red tape, higher costs, or policies passed without fully understanding the consequences.

Please do the right thing. Oppose SB 243 and stand up for the hard-working people who call this state home.