

Submitter:

Deepa Patel

On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4148

Dear Members of the House Committee on Revenue,

My name is Deepa Patel, and together with my husband Dipak, I own and operate the Valley Inn in Lebanon. I am writing today to ask you to please vote NO on HB 4134.

My husband and I immigrated to Oregon to build a life for ourselves and our family. The Valley Inn is our home and our livelihood. We do not have a corporate office or a team of employees. We are the ones who clean the rooms, fix the plumbing, and check in guests at 2:00 AM. Every dollar we earn goes back into keeping our business running and supporting our family.

Operating a small motel in Lebanon is a constant struggle. We don't have the high volume of the big cities, and our guests are very sensitive to price. Many of our visitors are workers, families visiting relatives, or seniors on a fixed income.

Our costs for insurance and utilities have skyrocketed. We cannot simply "absorb" more taxes, and we fear that raising prices will drive our loyal guests away.

We cannot afford to be another funding source for statewide conservation programs. Please do not pass a bill that makes the American Dream harder to achieve for immigrant small business owners like us.

I respectfully urge you to oppose HB 4134.

Sincerely,

Deepa Patel Owner, Valley Inn