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**Testimony House Committee on Revenue
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HB 4141**

Chairman Barnhart and Members of the Committee: Good Morning my name is Keith Peal and I am here today representing the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber's mission is to promote business prosperity and a healthy, diverse community in greater Hillsboro.

As you know, Hillsboro, Washington County and the State of Oregon have had great success in delivering a positive environment for job creation and retention – one that has resulted in attracting investment of traded-sector employers paying family-wage jobs.

These jobs generate a huge amount of revenue to pay for important public services all Oregonians rely on – teachers, firefighters, roads. And in a state largely reliant on income tax, private sector job creation and retention is critical to our state and local budgets.

And they also support many local businesses, providing additional jobs in our community.

The legislation before you in HB 4141 threatens that partnership by undoing the great programs that have produced huge successes for the State, and for our local businesses that thrive by providing services for those economic anchors.

For that reason, the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce opposes the legislation before you today in HB 4141. This legislation attacks the limited programs that our state has to create and retain jobs. This legislation goes against what we understand to be Representative Unger's intentions. Killing the economic generators of our State's economy will not fund schools.

We hope Rep. Unger seriously appreciates and considers the monumental potential harm pushing for the enactment of HB 4141 could do to these businesses, workers and families, many of whom are his voting constituents. As a Representative of Hillsboro, we felt it necessary to clearly articulate that Representative Unger's views on this issue do not represent the Hillsboro Chamber.

We urge this committee to quickly shelve this measure: it is the wrong approach to solving a real problem of making sure we can fund important public services. We oppose HB 4141. Let's have a real discussion about how the State can help grow jobs.

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to participate.

