The Josephine County Board of Commissioners requests their opposition to SB 1532 be entered into the record.

This bill, nor either of the amendments, takes into consideration the problems associated with small businesses in rural areas trying to provide their product or service to the community. Many small businesses in rural areas are so small that their employees are part-time, seasonal, and many unskilled. With limited resources it is difficult to take time away from doing a job and running a Business, to train someone to do a job over a period of weeks or months who may be a student or reentering the workforce. In fact, many small business owners themselves barely make enough money to support their families and what occasional, seasonal, or part-time employees necessary to operate their business.

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