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We have a small business in Roseburg Oregon. We have been in business since 1952. I think this is a very poor idea. We are forced to compete with other businesses in other states that are not subjected to this same minimum wage levels. I truly do not understand how our esteemed legislators can even consider such an increase. It would be different if our state legislators had passed any bills designed to make running a business easier or even god forbid more profitable.

In all our past economic hardships, it has been small businesses that have righted our economy. In this latest downturn it appears our country and state has forgotten this fact. In fact it appears that government has completely turned its back on the economic drivers of our economy. We are having to digest a poorly written paid sick leave bill passed and signed by our Governor Brown, at this present time. If it is State of Oregon desire to completely eliminate small businesses, I think they are on the correct path.

We have been in the lumber business for 64 years. If this bill is passed it will make it extremely unlikely that we will make it to 65 years. I want to thank you for listening to an opinion that is based on common sense. If you really want wages to rise, try and get our economic engines running again. When our economic engines are running wages will rise by themselves similar to past downturns in our economy.

Thank You

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