

To: House Committee On Business and Labor

Re: Support of HB 2191

Date: March 6, 2017

Written Statement for Roslinda McCallard In Support of HB 2191

Dear Senator Holvey and members of the committee,

My name is Rosalind McCallard. I'm the co-owner of the sandwich wholesale company, Snackrilege, in Portland and a member of the Main Street Alliance of Oregon. As a small business owner, I support HB 2191 because I believe the legislation is a great step in the right direction.

Oregon should welcome and promote honest and transparent business owners and discourage and deny anonymous corporations. Currently, our state is promoting shell company abuse due to the inaction and steps to mitigate the problem. A shell company provides anonymity to its owner (or owners), allowing otherwise recognizable public figures, corporations and criminals to operate under the cloak of secrecy. My business, on the other hand, is following the rules and abiding the laws and not using shell companies to evade taxes and participate in criminal activities. For my business to operate on a level playing field, the cost of doing business must be shared.

By requiring the collection and publication of information on who owns and controls these companies, it levels the playing field for Oregon's local small businesses. It's time for the shell corporations to be held to the standard that small businesses are. I support HB 2191 because I believe it does just that.

I urge to stop these shell companies from operating in Oregon and vote yes on HB 2191.

Sincerely,

Rosalind McCallard
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