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Subject: SB828

Senator Taylor:

While we are not in your district, your committee is considering a bill that will severely impact the entire State. Hoping you will listen to small coastal businesses.

While we are sure you have the best of intents, it is NOT for the good of coastal businesses, and many other hospitality businesses statewide. These are the ones we are most familiar with so will speak to the dire consequences of that industry.

Our business, is driven totally by weather. Wind, storms and rain impact us radically. Customers (locals) stay home. Tourists stay home. We want our employees to be safe, so we give them options to not work / drive to work. They would rather stay home and be productive, stay with their children and families, rather than come to work (20-30 miles each direction) than be forced to come to work and stand around. Our employees like the flexibility of restaurant work, as it gives them options.

We also have unannounced bus loads of tourists arrive and fill our cafe with unexpected business. We are happy to have this, but without being able to call in additional help, without being fined for it, our service is not at the optimum level we are known for, which can hurt our reputation via on line review sites, and the reputation as a whole of our small community.

And, the unexpected large groups celebrating an event, in which they call the morning of wanting to come in. Or, a large catering order cancels a day or two prior to the event, and we have not only ordered a large amount of product but have several extra staff scheduled. What do we do?

Please consider small coastal businesses in all you do. We do take care of our employees to the very best of our abilities, while still keeping the doors open offering a great service. These type bills which we consider very anti-small business are very disheartening to those who work so hard to make our community strong and vibrant.

Thank you and we would be happy to speak to you at any time.

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