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I am submitting written testimony regarding my support for HB 2830:

If it is indeed true that small businesses are the heart of the economy then the compromise tax plan is the solution that will fund critical services while keeping the burden on small business low.

As a small business owner and city councilor in Dufur, I recognize the importance of strong schools to ensure that I have access to a prepared workforce.

Small businesses pay a higher tax rate than big businesses in Oregon, and that's just not fair. We need skilled workers to employ, and community members able to participate in the economy. That's good for business and it's essential for Oregon's future.

Additionally, our city needs access to state grants for improvements to water, sewer and roads. A strong budget position will keep funding for grant programs that help small rural communities.

I applaud Senator Hass and Speaker Kotek for working to pass revenue reform -- and I hope that they make sure the investment is significant enough to make a big difference in our schools and in our communities. This a huge opportunity for Dufur and cities across the state.

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