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To: [LRO](#)
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Dear Chair Hass and members of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee,

In reference to Section 10 of SB 1527, this committee should repeal the business pass-through. This legislation, passed in a special session in 2013, primarily benefits the high earning businesses, which are arguably not small. We should be retaining all \$200 million per biennium to help alleviate the myriad unmet needs in our state.

Seeing them every day, I can tell you what some of those needs are. A single shot and a payee service is not enough to make my brother, who has severe schizophrenia, feel safe and cared for. He needs help navigate every aspect of life, most urgently housing. The county services where he lives have been cut back every budget we can remember.

My friend who teaches fourth grade can't keep up with the extra demands placed on her as more and more of her students are becoming homeless, unable to cope with sleep deprivation not to mention home work.

My elderly neighbors are forced into reverse mortgages to patch the gaps between their Social Security and increases in their costs of living, as their children become more dependent on them for childcare, help with transportation, and even housing.

Respectfully,

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