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Dear Senate:

As I do not have a Senator, due to Sen. Devlin;s stepping down: please hear my request:

Let's rid Oregon of the personal tax break on income of business owners in SB 1527. Doing this would save \$200 million in 2 years. Everyone should pay the same taxes on the same income. We shouldn't continue to allow 99% of the benefit of a tax break to go to people making OVER \$100,000--of which I am one!--bu shouldn't be! Instead, we should take this small opportunity to do a bit for income equality. Our Oregon values are that EVERYONE is taxed the same. Why should a couple with X dollars in taxable income pay 9%, but a business with the same 'business income' pay only 7%?

We should *eliminate*, not maintain, the reduced rate for 'pass-through' businesses. Why is any individual business or owner class better than the rest of our citizens? Business owners should make it based on their business skills, not on the Oregon tax code.

The new Federal Tax law makes it even worse: please don't allow this national new business owners' tax break apply to Oregon. What Trump & his Congress recently passed is what I term:' Robin-Hood-in Reverse': So the Oregon Senate must disconnect these two in SB 1529. Oregon would then save another \$400 million/2 years.. What we could do with that!

Thank you for your attention,

regards,

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