

Dear Joint Special Committee,

Businesses need relief and clarity, now is not the time to collect on the new tax.

I own a small business with 80 employees in Oregon and we are going to be taking on debt and losing money to survive the disruption caused by COVID 19. We shouldn't be forced to pay this new tax on revenues when we are losing money and doing everything we can to survive as a business and take care of our employees in line with our values. We are making tough decisions about paying laid off peoples insurance premiums while we work to get them back to work or not? About how much debt to take on during this to keep our company going? And oh yeah, we need to put together 25-30K for the state when we are losing everything. The CAT will be robbing dollars we may need to survive.

For a little context, we offer good health insurance, PTO that far exceeds the state minimums, top pay, upward mobility for our staff, and we contribute in meaningful ways to several community efforts. We are a model company and not interested in dodging taxes, but we are interested in taking care of our teams and surviving this.

If you force the CAT tax to implement on time, I will be taking on debt to pay it and will be forced to cut somewhere else. Please consider deferring CAT implementation for a year to allow businesses to recover and your team to provide clarity.

Sincerely,

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