From: Thomas Burdett

To: LRO

Subject: Oppose Surprise Tax Increase in LC 2 **Date:** Friday, August 7, 2020 7:30:08 AM

Dear Chair Nathanson,

I am writing you today in reflection to the latest Tax Increase that is proposed in front of you. I am not only a business operator, yet a parent and a human being - during all this pandemic situation. It is challenging enough to have to deal with pay losses, stress additions and financial concerns, then to understand that there is a tax increase (which it called a technical change) applied to small and local businesses, yet not corporations. Well, I will state clearly that I am not in favor of this. Why are the people (who will be the actual end result of demise since everything trickles down) being positioned in this direction. If taxes need to be applied, then do not apply them to small and local businesses. We in Rural Oregon are still trying to get by with all that is going on. Why, instead of tax increases, don't you focus on increasing tax revenues by allowing businesses to grow and prosper so they can pay income taxes for your needs; rather than just dipping into everyone's pockets for more revenue? I request that you do not support this proposal for the good of Rural Oregon at least.

Sincerely,

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