

Chair Riley and Members of the Senate Committee on Business and General Government,

My name is Casey Houlihan and I'm writing to you today with my testimony in support of SB 716, which would require many businesses to accept cash as a form of payment for goods and services.

It's an absurdity, to me, that this requires a legislative solution - but more and more businesses are refusing to accept cash, and in so doing they are discriminating against broad segments of the population. Disproportionately the impacts of this discrimination land on historically marginalized communities and communities of color. It must stop.

Money is legal tender in the US, and should be able to be used just like the writing on it implies - for ALL debts, public and private. There's no federal law specifically backing this, and only one state has something similar on the books (MA).

Please consider voting in support of SB 716 to help end this injustice, and to ensure that folks won't be discriminated against simply for using the form of currency available to them.

Thank you for paying close attention to this important matter, and I'm happy to answer any other questions you may have.

Respectfully,

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