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Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today to express my concerns about your and your committee's attempt at threatening work opportunities for businesses and entrepreneurs across our great State of Oregon. The negative impacts of HB 2498 will negatively affect tens of thousands of self-employed entrepreneurs and business owners.

Individuals often choose the 'independent contractor' model because they prefer the greater earning potential and flexibility of being their own boss. HB 2498 discourages entrepreneurship by limiting the earning potential for many Oregonians who are self-employed, including home-grown businesses and those who are just starting out.

The proposed 'independent contractor test' in HB 2498 also threatens existing contracts and work opportunities for businesses that perform work that is similar to the business entity retaining their services. This would result in mass confusion, higher taxes and business costs, less flexibility for those seeking self-employment.

***Believe it or not having a flexible work schedule helps me and my family to work around my son's school schedule, any illnesses and other emergencies that occur. Being forced to work set hours as stipulated by an Employee/Employer arrangement is a direct insult to working families by politicians who claim to want to help working families. As a taxpayer and life-long Oregon resident, I fully and adamantly oppose HB2498. I do not need to ask a boss if I can leave to take my son to the doctor or appointment; I AM MY OWN BOSS. I create my schedule to allow this common-sense flexibility that works for me, and it works for thousands of other independent contractors such as myself. This proposal is insulting at best, especially to the female population.***

HB 2498 is unfair & will be egregiously harmful to my line of work and how I balance my work and family life as a single mom. Stop trying to ruin businesses in this state and oppose HB 2498. This is an obvious attempt to secure more tax revenue for PERS and other pet projects that politicians claim to care about. You will not be doing independent contractors any favors here and likely drive more businesses out of our state.

Sincerely,

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