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Ever wonder why there is no minimum wage for a **business owner?**

Who ever came up with the Family Leave Act must have been indoctrinated at one of our state's institutions of Zero learning?

Small business owners don't get a pay check in many cases, especially when you idiots in the legislature penalize small business for not being on your government dependency rolls. These schemes are unfunded mandates.

A Few years ago, as we were scrapping bottom of the banking industry meltdown, I watched the minimum wage increases drive dozens of business owners across the Portland area to throw in the towel. They were robbing from their personal savings, retirement accounts, and home equity, to make payroll so they didn't have to hurt their employees. But the added overhead was their last straw.

Nothing government did created more cash flow to cover it. Just the opposite! Their financial bleeding had to stop and their doors were shuttered, all because you ignorant commies in government believe that they have their own money printing machine in some secret back room, like you do. You have no idea what it' like to be the one who signs the front of a paycheck. Your money comes from extortion and a badged employee with a gun forcing us victims to keep coming up with more and more.

What are you doing that will make up this burden on small businesses?  
NOTHING?  
That's exactly what I thought.

You idiots are creating a new business killing tax, as you claim such righteous indignation and compassion for workers. When workers lose their jobs, there will be plenty of time off and you can try to control them thru your public assistance. You think you'll own voters dependent on your meager dependency handouts.

May I suggest you all...  
Move to Venezuela.  
These ideas have created the chaos that country is experiencing.

Leave Oregon alone.  
We value small businesses,  
even if you public officials don't.

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