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Dear Co-Chair Roblan, Co-Chair Smith Warner, and members of the committee,

The Keizer Chamber of Commerce represents numerous members who are committed to growing business opportunities and providing living-wage jobs for families in our community. I am writing today to express my concerns about the impacts of HB 3427.

Gross receipts taxes are harmful to Oregon businesses and consumers. Taxing receipts, including business-to-business purchases of supplies, raw materials and equipment, encourages companies to become less efficient by bringing all those transactions in-house or moving them out-of-state. Ultimately, any new taxes will fall on Oregon's businesses and affect consumers. This is a "hidden" sales tax, that can hit one finished product multiple times in the course of its production. Additionally, Oregonians have repeatedly refused to add sales tax to all the other taxes already in place.

HB 3427 isn't moving forward in a vacuum, but is part of a larger ask for more than \$5 billion in new taxes and fees this biennium. \$5.67 billion in new taxes and fees in 2019 is too big a burden for local businesses, families and individuals!

Getting tax policy right is crucial. Oregonians deserve a real and lasting solution, not constant tax increases when you already have the biggest budget in recent history, due in part to record low levels of unemployment. You will only be taxing people back into unemployment as you cause businesses to be unable to afford to continue to do business or retain all of their employees.

Please vote NO on HB 3427.

Sincerely,

Susan Dunfee

Keizer, Oregon resident and member of Keizer Chamber of Commerce