



TUALATIN

CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE

April 16, 2019

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

The Tualatin Chamber of Commerce represents 430 members who are committed to growing business opportunities and providing living-wage jobs for families in our community.

We are writing today to express our concerns regarding the impacts of HB 3427. Getting tax policy right is crucial and 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. Innovative in-state businesses are put at a disadvantage because their products will have multiple taxes embedded in the final price to consumers.

Any new tax system should not stand in the way of growth through diversification and innovation. Any new taxes will fall on Oregon's businesses, large and small, and will ultimately affect consumers.

It's time to rein in PERS costs. Oregonians deserve a real and lasting solution, and PERS reform must be part of any state funding package. Additionally, \$5.67 billion in new taxes is too big a burden for local businesses and families!

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.

Please vote 'NO' on HB 3427.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Moholt". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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