Co-Chairs Kotek and Courtney. My name is Shannon Botten and my business is Botten's Equipment & Event Rental in McMinnville. I support an amendment to HB 4212 that would provide temporary and targeted liability protections to entities that are following state and federal public health guidelines and rules to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure. I am worried that even when businesses like mine follow state and federal public health and safety guidelines, we are still at risk of lawsuit from a customer or employee saying that we didn't go far enough. We need temporary and targeted liability relief so that businesses like mine can bring employees and customers back and Oregon's economy can get back on course. Please consider the amendment submitted for consideration and supported by businesses, school boards, local governments and other entities like nonprofits. This is important to all of us.

I am concerned that with the financial stress of the looming CAT tax as well as the raise in the wages of our employees here in July. Financially, I don't know how many more hits our small family business can take. Please consider this request to write in some protections for us.

Thank you,

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