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To: Oregon Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue

Re: SB 137-2

It has just come to my attention that Oregon legislators are trying to pass SB 137-2 which would tax PPP money given to Oregon businesses by our federal government. Money that has been forgiven and already used to pay our business rent, mortgages, payroll, and Covid -19 expenses. We have not anticipated this money to be taxed and therefore have not put aside a special "savings account or fund" to pay this money to the state. Many of us Oregon citizens and businesses save to pay our bills, not spend money and then try to find it somewhere or "tax" people to replace a deficit. What the heck Oregon??!!

You're going to penalize us just as we are coming out of the slow sales we had because the government shut down so many of our businesses and travel in the last year. Taxing the good citizens through their businesses retroactively is reprehensible and shame on anyone who votes to approve this bill.

Lynne Twombly, State of Oregon business owner