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Hello, I own a small tavern in Portland and have spent considerable sums of money building an outdoor area for smokers. In fact, I picked the location of my tavern because it's layout allowed me to have a smoking patio that fit the legal guidelines for having such an area. It's shocking to me that the state would consider adding more uncertainty and economic burden to an industry that has been absolutely savaged by Covid 19 and the public safety measures taken to prevent its spread. After more than two years of continuous stress and uncertainty surrounding the operation of my business I was so hopeful that we would come out the other side and have a great next couple years. This bill's passage would absolutely, 100%, negatively effect my business and my employees wages. Please do not do more harm to an already beleaguered industry. Do not pass this bill