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House Committee on Business and Labor

Dear Chairperson, vice-chair, and committee members

We are writing today to express our opposition to HB 2536.

The Tigard Chamber of Commerce represents over 260 Members and over 16,000 employees. Our chamber wants to express our opposition of House Bill 2536 due to the nature of the state interfering in private business to business contracts and transactions. While we understand HB 2536 may have good intentions, it sets a dangerous precedent of allowing the legislature to dictate the terms of private contracts between two private business entities. This has been brought to our attention with concern by both our delivery service members in our chamber and the restaurants we have as members as well.

Business Owners are highly capable of negotiating fair contracts for the services they need to run and operate their businesses. They will each determine what they can afford and how they wish to absorb or pass along that cost to their customers. It is extremely unusual for state law to dictate how two companies manage their business-to-business contracts and relationships. Typical business to business contracts are developed and entered into without legislative interference. HB 2536 sets a dangerous precedent and is not how we wish to do business in Tigard, Oregon.

We urge you to oppose HB 2536 as it creates state regulation of private contracting terms that will result in frivolous law suits which is concerning to ALL private businesses.

Sincerely,

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