



February 14, 2023

TO: Chair Mike Meek and Members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue  
RE: SB127 - Support Small Businesses; Raise the CAT exemption threshold

The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce stands with Oregon's small businesses who have demonstrated exceptional resiliency under the most extraordinary pressures of inflation, workforce shortages, and the rising cost of wages and benefits.

**We call on you to support SB 127, a fair and timely piece of legislation, that would increase the Corporate Activities Tax (CAT) exemption threshold for small businesses from \$1 million to \$5 million and provide much needed tax relief to thousands of small businesses across Oregon.**

Publicly, the CAT was sold as a tax to be shouldered by big corporations. Data shows that we know it to be a tax on Main Street businesses at a disproportionately high rate carried not only on their gross receipts but also cumulative throughout the CAT costs incurred through the supply chain. The time has come to correct course and allow our small businesses the room they need to breathe, grow, and reinvest in their operation and their employees.

Show your support for local, small businesses and their value to the vibrancy of our communities by voting in favor of SB 127.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Mikkelsen", written in a cursive style.

Vonnie Mikkelsen  
President and CEO