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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Ellen "Nellie" Franklin, I was born and raised on a family ranch. My husband, Scott and I have been ranching on our own for 43 years. As with my childhood family ranch, we started out with very little, we actually acquired leppy calves from our family's ranch to get started. We also had other jobs so we could build our ranch. We have worked hard all these years building our cow/calf operation. We also had custom haying jobs to help with expenses. These new taxes would make it even harder to start or acquire a ranch or custom haying business, let alone operate it.

If this HB 3158 passes it will be devastating to many ranchers/farmers as well as loggers, construction businesses, retail businesses, and even individuals. I noticed there are no impact statements for expenses or revenue, how could this bill be considered without those statements. I'm sure it would take a lot of time and research to complete the statements. It is a negative impactful legislation on the whole state.

For years Oregon was one of few states that did not have sales taxes and the voters have voted the sales tax proposals down at least three times. This is a backdoor attempt to impose sales taxes on Oregon. Oregon is currently facing so many tax proposals forcing businesses and individuals to consider moving out of state. I just read an article about Oregon's student numbers declining, could all these taxes be causing this decline???

I'm not considering moving out of state and I'm urging the House to vote NO on this House Bill!!!