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I'm writing in opposition to Bill HB 4125. As someone who works closely with families and community members every day, I see how much we rely on small employers to keep our towns healthy and stable. Their tax burden is already heavy, and this bill would make it even harder for them to stay open.

HB 4125 gives the state the ability to raise taxes on businesses at will, with only the possibility of a refund later. That kind of uncertainty might not affect large corporations, but it puts small employers, the ones who actually know their workers and serve their communities, in an impossible position. It also creates room for funds to be used without clear accountability, which is concerning to anyone who cares about responsible stewardship.

Oregon is already facing economic challenges, and we've watched well-known local companies leave the state because the environment became too difficult to operate in. We can't afford to keep losing the businesses that provide jobs, stability, and real community connection.

For the sake of small employers like Collision Auto Glass, and for the families who depend on them, I oppose HB 4125.