

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4134

I have owned and operated a restaurant in Salem for the past 30 years, and the business we receive from tourism is nothing short of essential to our survival. Any reduction in that support would be deeply damaging to our ability to stay open.

Our industry is still fighting its way back from the devastating impacts of Covid. To even consider withdrawing support now would almost certainly lead to more closures. Is that the direction we want to go as a community?

Running a restaurant has never been easy—even in the best of times. Today, it requires relentless effort, constant attention, community support, and, frankly, a bit of luck. Removing any part of the support system that helps us stay afloat only adds unnecessary strain and creates a level of vulnerability that is simply unsustainable.

For these reasons, my vote is an emphatic NO.