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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Good afternoon Chair Nathenson, Vice Chairs Walters and Reshcke, and members of the House Committee on Revenue

My name is Kevin Boyles and I am the owner and operator of the Sassy Onion restaurants here in Salem. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition of House Bill 4134.

Although this bill does not directly affect the amount of taxes paid by my business it does provide an opportunity to impact the amount of tax dollars spent on Tourism and attracting visitors to Oregon. I believe makes sense that this money would continue to be fully dedicated to creating a multiplier effect in our local economies.

As I am sure you are all aware restaurants operate on extremely tight margins. Even a minor change in the number of visits to our restaurants has ripple effects through out the operation, with the greatest effect being to our food purchases and wages paid. Over 95% of the products we serve are purchased from local businesses., Which means those such as Oregon Farmers and Ranchers may also be negatively affected if this bill passes. But more importantly my employees could be hurt.

I frequently tell others that I get to work with the best team in Oregon. We are a family and have been through good times and bad in the last 24 years. Family members like Tiffany Schweer, Katrina Goodwin, Shawn Kingman, Cher Gessner, and many others. Ultimately, If this bill passes, we could have less customers. And when we have less customers we will have no choice but to reduce either the # of employees, or the # of hours each employees gets. Everyone in our work family will feel the effects of the passing of this bill.

Conversely, If we keep this tax dedicated to funding promoting tourism in the great state of Oregon, businesses like mine and employees like ours can continue to grow and thrive.

Thank you for considering my testimony in opposition to HB 4134

Sincerely,

?Kevin Boyles
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