



Clark County Small Businesses Urge Legislature to Reject State Income Tax

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To the Honorable Members of the Washington State Legislature,

We write to you today as a group of small business owners in Clark County who are dedicated to fostering economic growth and supporting our local communities through job creation and innovation. As you consider the bill to create a state income tax/SB 6346, we felt it was important that we communicate our deep concerns regarding the proposed income tax. While presented as a "millionaires' tax, this measure would disproportionately harm small businesses, S-corps, and LLCs. It also threatens the vitality of Washington's economy.

For many small business owners, income from operations passes directly through to our personal tax returns. This means SB 6346 would effectively impose a steep new tax on business earnings, even when those funds are reinvested in growth, equipment, or employee wages rather than taken as personal profit. In Clark County, where industries like manufacturing, retail, and services rely on slim margins, this additional 9.9% burden—among the highest tax rates in the nation—could force us to cut jobs, reduce hours, or delay expansions. S-corps and LLCs, which represent over 85% of small businesses in our state, would be hit hardest, as the \$1 million threshold fails to account for the realities of business cash flow and reinvestment needs.

This tax risks driving businesses out of Washington to more competitive states, exacerbating talent shortages and stagnating growth in our region. Instead of supporting entrepreneurship, SB 6346 could stifle innovation and deter new ventures, ultimately harming the workers and families we employ. We urge you to oppose this bill and prioritize policies that bolster small businesses and entrepreneurs.

Thank you for considering our perspective. We appreciate your service to our community.

Sincerely,

Adams Street Bar and Grill

Affinity Homes LLC

Al and Ernies

Battle Ground Farmer's Market

Battle Ground Hospitality Collective

Broughton Bishop

Camas Cellars

Cruise the Couve

Cydat Industries LLC

Dick Hannah Dealership

Doriot Construction

Galeotti's Wine Cellar

Glen Kincaid Construction Inc

Global Security and Communication

Gleek LLC

Gunderson Associated Tire Centers, Inc. / Les Schwab

Lacamas Financial Group

Maddox Industrial Transformer

Northwest Precision Tool

Opsahl Dawson

Prairie View Station

Stewart Plumbing

Tapani Inc

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Trapdoor Brewing

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Vancouver Granite Works

Vesta Hospitality LLC

Washougal Pub

Williams and Sons Jewelry

Wolf Industries