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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Office of the Chief Clerk
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Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I wish to submit the following explanation for my vote on House Bill 4301.

Small businesses are the backbone of Oregon's economy. I have been meeting with small business owners in my district at a series of round-table events and have heard directly about their struggles and their successes. Through hard work, vision, and talent, our small business owners are working to grow and create opportunities and we need to support small business efforts with a fair and sustainable tax system.

This legislation was fundamentally about creating equity within the tax system we currently have. Our Legislative Revenue Office estimates that 12,000 sole proprietors will be eligible to take advantage of this policy change. These are individuals who contribute to their communities, strengthen our local economies, and help move our state forward to a more prosperous future.

For those reasons, I have chosen to support this legislation for now, but looking ahead to 2019, I believe the legislature needs to do the work of reforming Oregon's broken revenue system. What is badly needed is a comprehensive strategy on growth, competitiveness, and workforce preparation. I look forward to pushing this agenda so we can support both urban and rural Oregon while continuing to make Oregon an attractive place to do business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janeen Sollman".

Janeen Sollman

