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Representative Karl Waitschies,

I am a small businessman in Bozeman, writing to ask you to oppose SB48. Taxes on business property make it difficult for local businesses to compete with larger national chains, since they often can locate property out of state. They already have economies of scale over locally run retailers, this tax would simply make things worse for us.

Every piece of equipment I own must be located here in Montana, from computer systems to inventory. National chains can locate these items in states free of property taxes, and move only enough inventory into MT stores to meet immediate demand.

In general, business taxes discourage companies from locating or expanding here. SB 48 is anti-business, anti-jobs and should not be allowed to pass.

Thank you for your consideration.

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