

My name is Travis Lerol, delegate candidate for district 31B, and I'm writing you today in favor of HB409.

The last few years have been hard for small businesses, especially the very smallest ones, who are most impacted by flat fees.

Of those forced closed over the pandemic, approximately a quarter did not reopen. I ask you all to consider your communities, and the losses they have suffered.

We all love our local restaurants, shops, and craftsmen, and their loss is also our loss. The rest are continuing on, but bore heavy costs.

The state has set new records in tax revenues during this time, it is only reasonable that we grant relief to preserve the local businesses still with us.

I ask you all to vote you on HB409, and I thank you for your time and consideration.