

March 6, 2008

Public Hearing Testimony RE:

SB 400 AA Eliminating the Business Entity Tax

Dear Sen. LeBeau Rep. Berger and all the members of the Commerce Committee,

I am writing to urge your support SB 400 AA Eliminating the Business Entity Tax. This tax has created a insurmountable obstacle to my ability to begin a small home business to supplement my pension.

In 1999, at the suggestion of my attorney, I made the new business I was starting an LLC. My business partner backed out so I NEVER had a business.

In 2004, I decided to try again on my own and notified the SOTS. I was told to file past reports and a change of address. I did this ... paying \$10 for reports on a business that only existed in their files. It costs \$25 to change my address!

In 2005, I had a little business that didn't turn a profit so here I am in 2008 trying a new approach to supplement my pension. When filing paperwork with the DRS I was informed that I needed to pay this Business Entity Tax SINCE 2002. That means \$1,500. that I don't have. I have no employees and no money. I could cry ... I am so overwhelmed and discouraged.

I am awaiting a reply from the DRS to be excused from some of this expense.

I realize the state needs money to function but how can 'the little guy' survive? It's hard enough to start up a business ... investing your hard earned savings with the hope that you can make it grow.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
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