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I am writing to oppose the provision in GB 5047 that will provide a complete exemption for personal property assessments of \$10,000. While the fiscal impact on Washington in lost revenue of \$11,990.96 is not insurmountable it is still revenue which must come from another taxpayer.

The larger issue is the additional workload created by the documentation required. The small business owner must still file with the Town Assessor who in turn must document the filing. The small business owner is further encouraged to under report to stay under the \$10,000 cap and the Assessor's workload increases with the need to verify the reporting.

Washington's Assessors Office works diligently to accurately assess all taxable property which insures that all taxpayers are treated fairly. Our system is set up so all taxpayers contribute their fair share and to exempt one small portion creates an unequitable system.