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Subject: RE: [External] Re: You're Invited to the 2023 Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing on August 29, 2023
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 5:53:42 PM

From: Mike Tajran <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2023 12:33 PM
To: BOE Communications <Communications@boe.ca.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: You're Invited to the 2023 Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing on August 29, 2023

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Mike, I re-wrote it in more of a letter format for your consideration:

I, Mike Tajran, am the owner of Ocean Beach Brewery and the property at [REDACTED]. I have been in business on Newport Ave since 1984, and have consistently had an existing business in the area to this day. I currently employ 23 employees and we are open 7 days a week.

Our business has received multiple local and national awards in the state of California and in the USA. We continue to keep workers employed, generate revenue, pay taxes, and give back to our community.

Like many others, we suffered tremendously from Covid 19. We shut down twice during the pandemic and we are still trying to recover from the financial impacts while we attempt to keep all employees working and the business open. The first round of PPP helped to keep us running but not enough to cover the costs of lost revenue during the shutdown. We were unable to get additional assistance from the second round of PPP because the money ran out per the SBA.

We are fighting to catch up, but due to the pandemic we still have many overdue bills that are making it very difficult to keep up with our current ongoing and increasing costs to stay in business.

As of today, our most excessive outstanding bills that go back to Covid-19 shutdown include but are not limited to the following:

BOE California Tax: \$84K

Property Tax: \$26K

Gas & Electric utilities: \$24K.

I respectfully request that these bills be waived so we can focus on non-Covid related costs of continuing to do business and limit the stress of trying to simply ends meet. The penalties, late fees, and impacts to our credit has been a nightmare.

We are still waiting to receive the remaining tax relief from ERC. For processing these relief we have to pay 25% fees to the company that is processing them.

I am asking for help, because I see other businesses that were awarded millions of dollars in relief while we fell through the cracks.

On Thu, Aug 24, 2023 at 7:43 AM State Board of Equalization <Communications@boe.ca.gov> wrote:

State Board of Equalization 2023 Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing

All taxpayers and stakeholders are invited to the [2023 Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing](#) scheduled for Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

All participants will have the opportunity to comment before the elected Members of the State Board of Equalization (BOE) on the [Taxpayers' Rights Advocate's Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Report](#) or share suggestions, comments, or concerns on California's property tax system and the Alcoholic Beverage Tax. The BOE is responsible for property tax programs, the Alcoholic Beverage Tax, and Tax on Insurers.

Anyone can participate in person, by phone, or [submit written comments](#) in advance.

When:

Tuesday, August 29, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Where:

In person

450 N Street, Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814

By phone

1-877-336-4440, access code 4192718#

For more information, please visit the BOE's [Taxpayers' Rights Advocate webpage](#) or [view the public service announcement](#). The Taxpayers' Rights Advocate's Office assists taxpayers with problems they have with the assessment or collection of property taxes, or with the Alcoholic Beverage Tax.

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