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Mr. Rick Bennion
Regulations Coordinator
State Board of Equalization
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Dear Mr. Bennion,

I am the third generation owner of a retail lumber yard founded in 1938. I am fifty-eight years of age and have worked here since I was a child. It has been my only job in life. At this time we employ about twenty five individuals.

The period we now call the "Great Recession" has been a tremendous struggle for our company. Many lumber yards of our size and type are no longer with us due to the times we have faced. The implementation of the Lumber Assessment could not have come at a worse time for our particular business as well as many others.

Our computers and other electronic devices are outdated and replacing them is not an option. Trying to implement the 1% lumber tax was difficult and time consuming. Needless to say it was expensive for a small business like ours. I would urge you to consider providing the \$5,500 per retail location that WCLBMA has requested.

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