

Hello All,

I'm Dustin Reitzer. My wife and I our owners of Abiqua Irrigation And Backflow L.L.C. We have been in business 2 years now. We are both blue collar workers raised in blue collar homes. We are raising 5 kids (4 left at home). We live in Salem and our business is in Salem. We both came from poor families. For 4.5 years I juggled 2 jobs while the wife worked 1 and raised our kids. Finally we could afford to purchase a home. I continued to work 2 jobs we played extra on the home and refinanced in 3 years to lower the payment as we were stressed financially. 2 years after that she was diagnosed with neuropathy in her feet that advanced rapidly to the point the long days hurt her. We sat and talked decided since my main job of 15 years was an Irrigation Technician that we should start a business.

We tried getting a loan to start a business but we ended up having to refinance our home for funding. Scared but determined we did it. We work alot she still holds her other job. We have had to buy 4 set of braces for the kids. We are making it but we dont have a reserve yet. Each year the cost of doing business continues to go up. We are not rich. We rely on being able to purchase older equipment. We hold 3 state licenses that each require their own fees to maintain and continued education. The ever changing labor laws and the lack of work force hurts us as well. We can't keep absorbing the increases. We do raise pricing to off set the cost. That practice hurts us in the end as we see our closing rate decrease. This just makes bigger businesses more successful as they can absorb more of the cost and keep cost down. Small businesses built America so please stop taxes us out of business.

We want a cleaner environment for our children we agree that we can change. We are willing to help. We are pro environment and accept changes need to be made. Let's stop this bill from being pushed thru in the short session. Lets immediately assemble a panel of experts (not self proclaimed experts) and create a bill that addresses ways to improve the environment without slush fund taxes. We can all agree that there is many ways we can change immediately. Big businesses will just continue to pollute buying up the credits and extend the price on down. This ripple effect will hurt us at the bottom. Let's address this as a group and save the planet for generations to come. Living in middle class is freaking scary. We are all in and its gotta work. Thanks for listening

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