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The Costly Restaurant Ordinance Hurts Family-Owned Businesses Like Mine!

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Dear Mr. Lopez:

As the proud owner and operator of a local restaurant in your district, I urge you to REJECT the Costly Restaurant Ordinance (CF: 19-0229-S2).

This ordinance would impose unnecessary, duplicative, and costly new burdens on family-owned local restaurants, devastating businesses like mine.
Like many local restaurant owners, I am already grappling with the impact of California's $20/hour minimum wage and rising operating costs. To cope, I've been forced to make difficult decisions, including raising prices, which directly affects my customers. Local restaurants are already under severe strain, and this Ordinance would jeopardize our very existence.

California law already requires that I provide my employees extensive workplace rights notices and training on topics like workplace violence, sexual harassment, health and safety, food safety and various other employment rights including workplace rights.
Family-owned businesses like mine would bear the financial burden of this unnecessary Ordinance, and further singling out local restaurant owners and minority-owned small businesses - yet again - is unjustified and unfair.

We simply can't survive new costly mandates. Local restaurants can't afford it, and it's misaligned with the preferences of workers. For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to PROTECT LA restaurants and REJECT the Costly Restaurant Ordinance. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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