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Shamus Lynsky
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Dear Mr. Lansky:

Thank you for your Friday, July 29 email sharing concerns about a recent Director's Review conference at the Department of Revenue. Your coalition of citizens and advocacy groups urged me to reject a request from a company relating to the gigabit tax incentive described in Senate Bill 611.

The new gigabit tax incentive is one of many determinations we make each year. We must evaluate each situation objectively. Our decisions aren't based on an impact to tax revenue. We're obligated to make decisions based on what the law says and each taxpayer's specific situation.

For the gigabit tax incentive, our review of information provided by applicants has not resulted in approval of any gigabit tax incentives this year. We'll review applications each year before deciding whether to approve gigabit tax incentives in the future.

I appreciate your concern for tax laws being applied equitably and fairly for Oregonians.

Sincerely,

Kris Kautz, Interim Director
Oregon Department of Revenue