

Small Business Owner LTE

As a small business owner, nondiscrimination laws are not only good for business – they are the right thing to do. That’s why I was appalled by I-1552, the ballot initiative taking away our state’s 10-year old nondiscrimination protections for our transgender friends, family members, and co-workers.

I was raised to treat others the way I want to be treated and that’s what I’ve taught my own children. That’s why my business is standing with Washington Won’t Discriminate, the broad coalition of faith leaders, businesses, law enforcement and other Washingtonians working to defeat I-1552.

The economic and financial consequences of passing I-1552 would cost the Washington economy billions of dollars. Look no further than North Carolina as a bellwether. They passed a law that would have a similar effect as I-1552. That law cost North Carolina [an estimated \\$3.76 billion](#) in private sector economic activity in North Carolina.

Washingtonians cannot afford that backlash. Fighting together now is the only way we can ensure our state treats everyone, including transgender people, fairly and equally.

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