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Representative Jason Conger
House Revenue Committee
Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court St SE, H-477
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Representative Conger;

Please accept this letter as our statement of opposition to any legislation that would reduce or cap charitable deductions, specifically HB2456-2.

J Bar J Youth Services is a nonprofit organization in Central Oregon providing innovative options for at-risk youth and their families as they move toward self-sufficiency and personal responsibility. Established in 1968, J Bar J provides services through four major programs: Academy at Sisters, a personalized therapeutic treatment program for troubled female adolescents in a residential setting; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Oregon, empowering youth through one-to-one mentorships; Cascade Youth & Family Center offering outpatient crisis intervention and support services for troubled youth and their families; and the J Bar J Boys Ranch serving adjudicated adolescent males in a structured residential program. Each of these vital services depends on private donations in addition to government funds to provide the supports necessary for at risk youth. State and federal funding for this population has decreased at the same time the demand has increased. In response, J Bar J has focused on building revenue from private donors. The threat HB2456-2 presents is that it would discourage individuals and businesses from supporting community services at a time when these funds are needed more than ever. We urge you to join us in opposing all legislation that would remove the charitable deductions.

Respectfully,

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