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Representative Phil Barnhart, Chair
House Committee on Revenue
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 2510 – Property Tax Deferral

Chair Barnhart and Committee Members,

The Advocacy Coalition of Seniors and People with Disabilities strongly supports HB 2510 and requests that your committee report it to the House with a do pass recommendation.

Thank you for hearing this important bill. We appreciate that it was necessary to put limitations on the Senior Disabled Property Tax Deferral program in order to insure its longer term solvency. However, the implementation of the program changes resulted in persons in essentially similar circumstances being treated differently. HB 2510 is intended to mitigate this inequity by allowing those who were excluded from the program due to confusion and/or miscommunication.

In summary, this bill will help correct an unintended injustice which occurred in implementing program changes necessary to preserve the program. Accordingly, the Advocacy Coalition supports the bill and thanks your committee for bringing it forth.

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