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To Chairman Barnhart and Committee Members,

I am writing to you today to express Takeda Pharmaceutical's opposition to HB 2099 legislation that would expand the state's tax haven list to include the Netherlands and potentially Switzerland, among other nations. I would ask you to oppose this bill.

Based on the corporate philosophy of "Takeda-ism" (Integrity: Fairness, Honesty and Perseverance) developed over its long corporate history of more than 230 years, Takeda conducts activities according to the corporate mission to "strive towards better health for people worldwide through leading innovation in medicine." The network of the Takeda group spans over 70 countries and regions worldwide, in Japan, the United States, Europe, Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and the Asia Pacific Region. Takeda's pharmaceutical products are marketed in around 100 countries worldwide, including marketing alliance partnerships.

Takeda has a significant business presence in Zurich, Switzerland. Zurich is an important part of Takeda's global business. Takeda does not use Switzerland or other countries as a means to avoid paying taxes in Oregon. This legislation takes a very simplistic approach to the real issue of tax avoidance.

As you may know, the Netherlands, Switzerland (if added to this legislation), and Luxembourg have bilateral tax treaties with the United States. The agreements provide a reliable tax environment for companies operating across borders. They prevent double taxation and provide important sharing of information between governments to ensure appropriate taxes are paid.

If HB 2099 passes, it will place legitimate global businesses in the same category as bad actors who work to avoid paying the taxes that are required of them. Companies that operate with integrity will have to bear the significant cost of complying with the Oregon law in perpetuity while the bad actors will simply change their tactics.

Takeda is proud of the manner in which we conduct our business all over the globe and we take our philosophy of corporate social responsibility very seriously.

Again, I urge your defeat of HB 2099.

Sincerely,

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