Dear Jan,

I implore you to <u>avoid</u> making Oregon's business, citizens, and economy <u>worse</u> off by enacting SB 1532.

As an economist, this proposed bill will <u>hinder</u> rather than help workers. Moreover, it will cost the State millions more too.

From many years of experience, legislated wage hikes have ended up raising costs that generally negate the wage increases.

Please turn away from the attempt to win votes, while actually weaken the economy and citizen's buying power.

Sincerely from a long -time Oregon resident,

Jim Lee