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Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue,

I urge you to approve SB 870 and eliminate Oregon's estate tax. Here are reasons why:

This makes Oregon a far more receptive state for future entrepreneurs who create future expansion of our economy here.

Prevents the sale of businesses, farms, and land, often to out of state interests, to pay estate taxes upon death of the owner.

Preserves family wealth to be passed down through generations who will likely remain in Oregon contributing to the economy and prosperity here.

Makes Oregon a more attractive location for out of state retirees to move to, most of whom pay substantial property and income taxes, but draw little on public services.

Puts Oregon on a more equal footing with the 37 other states that have already eliminated the death tax.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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