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Hello dear Oregon State legislators,

First I wish to thank you for your public service and dedication to trying to resolve our revenue problems. I was among the thousand Oregonians gathered at the capitol last Tuesday to urge you to act on revenue for the State for all our common good needs. I strongly support your moving to recovering more revenue from the corporate sector as they have not been responsible for paying for their share of expenses to operate in Oregon.

And I strongly support the proposal by the Oregon Center for Public policy which would make a small change to make this bill even more equitable. Instead of changing the personal income tax for individuals, the "**CAT Fairness Credit**" would give a tax credit to help low and middle income residents instead of benefiting also those at higher income levels, thus giving out less money and distributing it more fairly based on income.

"Creating a personal income tax credit to address the impact of a proposed commercial activities tax (CAT), instead of reducing personal income tax rates, would strengthen a tax reform plan currently under discussion in the Oregon legislature. This new tax credit (the "CAT Fairness Credit") would target relief to low- and middle-income groups — taxpayers with income below \$64,000 — while raising more revenue to invest in schools and essential services."

This is a time of heightened awareness of the disparity in opportunities offered low income and disadvantaged residents for a very long time in Oregon history. By tying a corporate revenue change to a proposal for great economic equity for those least advantaged financially, Oregon begins to redress long standing inequities in her policies. The proposal by the Oregon Center for Public Policy will also gain more income for the state. This is a win-win that we cannot afford to overlook....unless we are still locked into white privilege.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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