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Dear Co-Chairs Hass and Barnhart and Members of the Joint Committee on Tax Reform, Tina Kotek and Lew Fredrick,

We are writing to urge you to support HB 2830, that begins the step toward fair corporate taxes and provides funding for K-12 education over the next two years. Education in Oregon is a disgrace. Because of the large age gap between our children, we have been Portland Public School parents for 16 years and will continue another 8. During our long tenure, we have watched as our schools cut important educational programs for our kids, fired and rehired teachers and class sizes grew and shrank depending on the machinations of the Oregon and national economies. Throughout it all, legislators did not begin to right the wrongs created by Measure 5, nor require that education funding be Our children deserve better than this. They deserve stable school funding that guarantees that they receive a consistent, quality education. HB 2830 begins to do this. It will help avoid some of the terrible cuts schools like our daughter's--Beach School in North Portland--face. However it is just a beginning.

HB 2830 does not raise revenue enough to fund our schools at the level we know is required to meet Oregon's educational goals, still leaving us unacceptably far from the funding levels that the Quality Education Model indicates are required to operate a system of highly-effective schools in Oregon.

While HB 2830 is a step in the right direction, it does not solve the problem of providing adequate, stable resources for our public education system. It is imperative that we require that corporations in this state pay their fair share. A gross receipts tax is a meaningful way to begin to realistically address this. So, we are asking you to please pass HB 2830 and then continue the difficult but vital work required to ensure that we have the resources to fully fund K-12 education and other critical services.

Thank you,
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