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Dear Co-Chairs Hass and Barnhart, Senator Winters, and Members of the Joint Committee on Tax Reform,

My name is Dr. Laurel Sharmer and I represent the people of Monmouth on their City Council. I am writing to strongly support The Revenue Reform and Educational Stability Act of 2017 (HB2830).

It is now obvious to all Americans that there has never been a time in our history when there has been a greater need for an educated electorate. But quality education, which includes critical thinking and the basic skills of literacy, doesn't come free. My constituents in Monmouth gladly pay to support education in our community but we've reached the point where individual and family contributions to education are not enough. We need every entity in Oregon to contribute. And this means our largest corporations must be willing to help. I hope you will vote to support RRESA and begin the first step toward returning Oregon to its place as one of the most highly educated states in the nation.

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