

To whom it may concern,

My name is Kyle Allen and I'm writing in my capacity as a private citizen and not on behalf of the city of Hillsboro. I'm increasingly concerned with Oregon's budget crisis and what it could do to important services in our state. As a father with a child in public school, it doesn't comfort me one bit when we are forced to make multi-million dollar budget cuts to our schools every year.

Oregonians need stable and adequate funding for Education, Public Safety, and Human Services. To fulfil this mission you must address the large inequalities in our tax code. Less than 7% of the general fund comes from corporate income taxes and the current system allows many corporations to avoid paying these taxes all together. In April, The Oregonian highlighted the Legislative Revenue Office's finding that despite our growth, over 6,500 fewer corporations now file income taxes than did back in 2004. Some corporations have chosen to twisted the current tax system to boost their profits. This manipulation has come at the expense of everyone else who pays their fair share. Oregonians believe in fairness and know the current system is broken. The status quo is unsustainable.

I believe the Joint Tax Reform Committee is committed to solving this problem. We need to restore order to the tax code and make it fair again. HB 2830 is an important step in ensuring our state has the resources it needs to provide for its citizens. I support this bill and urge the Joint Tax Reform Committee members to vote for its passage.

Sincerely,

Kyle Allen  
Hillsboro City Councilor