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To: Senate Finance and Revenue Committee

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Re: Written comment on SB 1527

I am a concerned father, grandfather, former teacher and community member. Why am I concerned?

Public education has been stripped of many of its basic tools for effective instruction – primarily adequate funding to pay high quality teachers who should be teaching in class sizes small enough so that teachers can attend to large group needs as well as the extra help needed for the struggling student.

I realize that, as a PERS retiree, some of us benefitted from an overly robust benefit package, but I never knew when I started teaching in 1966 that I would receive an adequate retirement income. I feel very fortunate. And I am in favor of adjusting the retirement benefits as long it can be equitable legally.

But I also want public school students to be fortunate because businesses are paying their fair share of the cost of educating the students that they depend upon to have successful business outcomes. Many large businesses don't pay any or just a bare minimum tax on their profits. They need to share their profits for the public welfare. Giving them income tax breaks just because they are business owners make no sense to me. Why should new business owners get an Oregon tax break just because the United States Congress passed a poor piece of legislation?

Please be fair, especially to the needs of students, about the pass-through business income.

Sincerely,

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