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Chair Hass and members of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee:

I am writing to urge the committee to repeal the business pass through tax break contained in Section 11 of SB 1527. This legislation, passed in a special session in 2013, primarily benefits high earning businesses, who are arguably not paying their fair share to maintain public services in Oregon from which they benefit (education, infrastructure, transportation, to name a few). The State of Oregon has a revenue problem. We do not have enough revenue, and working class Oregonians are suffering as a result. As a public school teacher in SE Portland, I see the results of this lack of revenue on a daily basis in staffing cuts, families struggling to find and keep affordable housing, and high numbers of students with asthma. Instead of giving this tax break to businesses, we could be using the money to pay for the staffing required to decrease class sizes, to invest in affordable housing and/or to subsidize cleaner forms of transportation that would result in less polluted air along highway corridors.

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