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

In reference to Section 11 of SB 1527, this committee should repeal the Oregon personal tax break on the income of business owners. This legislation, passed in a special session in 2013, primarily benefits the high earning businesses. We should be retaining all \$200 million per biennium to fund essential services that benefit all Oregonians, whether directly or in long term social outcomes. Our state is currently experiencing a crippling deficiency of funding, resulting in demonstrable and immense harm to our most vulnerable populations; as a social worker, every day I watch foster care children languish in hotels while their caseworkers are too overburdened to ensure their basic safety and developmental well-being, shelters for the homeless close despite increasing numbers of houseless individuals, and our public schools offer an education far below the national average. At a time of unprecedented wealth and prosperity in Oregon, it is utterly unconscionable that we continuously fail to provide basic social services and supports to those most in need, all while watching a wealth gap explode between the wealthiest and poorest citizens.

Respectfully,

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