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HB 2168 and HB 2684

Chair Nathanson and members of the committee

The Oregon Women's Rights Coalition supports repeal of the Gigabit exemption. It is in the best interest of Oregon to do away with this tax break.

We urge the committee to remove this provision that was implemented to attract Google to Portland.

Those who provide internet access to Oregon households will react to the market place and do not need to be rewarded with tax breaks.

A month after the original bill was finalized, Frontier Communications released a corporate press release touting their investments in Oregon. If you read closely you will note that they were remarking on the fact that they in the prior year, 2014, would provide 1 gigabyte service to selected areas in Beaverton, Oregon. So do they need a tax reward for doing what they are already proposing or have achieved? (Attachment of press release sent with this testimony.)

Comcast in the past provided quite an extensive timeline on their corporate website. Included in that time line for **2011** is the following statement.

“Brian Roberts demonstrates the first 1 gigabit connection over a live broadband network at the Consumer Electronics Show by downloading close to nine hours of content in about 90 seconds.”

Brian Roberts is the Comcast CEO who has been named 11 times to the *Institutional Investor* magazine “All American Executive Team. He is a CEO whose company reported sales of \$84.5 billion according to their website. Will a company with that amount of revenue make decisions based on tax credits in Oregon? <https://corporate.comcast.com/news-information/leadership-overview/brian-l-roberts>.

Please remove this tax exemption.

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