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Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chair Findley, Vice-Chair Marsh and Members of the Committee,

As a Principal Broker in the State of Oregon I would like to state my support of this important bill. For years, our tax policy has favored those with the means, and ignored the folks struggling to get by. Over my 29 years of selling Residential Real Estate I can tell you that the mortgage interest deduction is hardly ever mentioned as a reason for buying a home. On the flip side, I hear clients worried about whether their children will be able to afford to stay in Portland once they forge out on their own, or if their parents on a fixed income will need to move in with them, or if the Housing Crisis will affect their own livability and/or safety as more and more people are left to face the cruel effects of this lopsided Real Estate market.

Please consider making a real difference in people's day to day lives by altering this unjust tax policy. It is time to acknowledge our part in this humanitarian crisis and we have the power to do that right now with this bill.

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