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Opposition to SB 1507 – Public Hearing Testimony

My name is Lori Pyles, and I am an Oregon resident. I am submitting this testimony in strong opposition to SB 1507.

Oregonians are already struggling under an overwhelming tax burden. Housing costs, utilities, fuel, food, and healthcare continue to rise, while wages are not keeping up. Many of us are barely getting by, and some are being forced to seriously consider leaving Oregon altogether.

SB 1507 proposes yet another layer of taxation by paving the way for a statewide retail sales tax. Even if paired with reductions elsewhere, this bill still results in higher day-to-day costs for working families, seniors, and small businesses. A sales tax hits people every time they buy necessities — groceries, clothing, school supplies — and disproportionately harms those who can least afford it.

Oregon does not have a revenue problem. It has a spending and prioritization problem. The answer is not to keep reaching deeper into the pockets of residents who are already stretched thin.

Simply put: No more taxes. Period.

Many Oregonians, myself included, cannot afford to live here anymore because of the constant and growing tax burden.

I urge lawmakers to reject SB 1507 and focus instead on responsible budgeting, accountability, and relief for taxpayers — not additional financial pressure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.