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On Behalf Of:
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I am a Portland resident and a parent of a PPS student. I strongly support HB 4125 to modernize the kicker.

Oregon has underfunded its schools for decades (starting with Measures 5 and 50) and our children are paying the price. We are failing generations of students while also weakening our business climate by making it harder for families and employers to choose Oregon.

The current kicker destabilizes the General Fund. Without a stable, growing General Fund, public education will never receive the investment it needs. HB 4125 lowers the stakes of revenue forecasting and creates a more reliable foundation for funding schools and communities.

I urge you to speak out boldly in favor of HB 4125 and pass it into law. As new federal policies take effect, Oregon needs a strong, predictable revenue system, not one with a permanent crack in its foundation. Our children, schools, and future small businesses deserve better.