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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507

Chair, members of the committee,

My name is Janet, and I live in Tualatin. I'm submitting testimony in opposition to the disconnect provisions in SB 1507.

I'll be direct. This bill takes federal tax relief that Oregonians were told they would receive and quietly cancels it out at the state level. Most people don't follow conformity bills. Most people don't even know Oregon automatically adopts federal tax changes unless the Legislature steps in. And using that technical process to reverse federal tax cuts is not transparent, and it's not how trust is built.

The disconnects in this bill hit three areas: auto loan interest, small-business stock, and bonus depreciation. These aren't exotic loopholes. These are everyday realities for working families and small businesses trying to stay afloat in a state where everything already costs more. If the state wants to raise taxes, then say that openly. Don't bury it in a conformity bill and hope people don't notice.

We keep hearing that Oregon is facing a budget shortfall. But this state has had record revenues for years. The problem isn't that taxpayers aren't paying enough.

The problem is that spending keeps outpacing revenue, and instead of addressing that, the solution is to claw back federal tax relief before Oregonians ever see it.

I'm asking you to reject the disconnect provisions in SB 1507. If Oregon needs a real tax debate, then have one in the open. Don't do it through a technical bill that most people will never hear about.

Thank you for your time.

— Janet, Tualatin