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On Behalf Of:

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HB4125

Hi, my name is Ethan Smith. I am a constituent of senator Phan and representative Chotzin and my child is a student at Marysville Elementary and my other child goes to Kellog Middle school in Portland. As a former educator myself I deeply care about Oregon and its students. I support HB 4125 to modernize the kicker. Now is the time to effect change and reform Oregon taxes to benefit our children and the future.

I'm tired of funding below the QEM getting passed. Currently, there is not enough money to go around. A stable, growing General Fund is a part of the answer.

House Bill 4125 makes budget predictions more reliable, so that If economists are "off" on their predictions, we won't have massive cash paybacks to the wealthiest Oregonians, while our public programs, and thus our communities suffer.

I'm am asking lawmakers to speak out loudly in favor of this bill and pass it into law. As the federal "Big Beautiful Bill" legislation starts to take effect, Oregon's General Fund needs a strong foundation, and the Kicker is a perpetual crack in that foundation. Let's create a revenue prediction system that ensures investment in our children and our state.

Thank you,

Ethan Smith