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On Behalf Of:
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Hi, my name is Molly Growden. I am a constituent of Portland and my children are students at Marysville Elementary School. I 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 see the negative effects of staffing shortages on the students at our local public school daily. Our paraeducators are stretched thin, which in turn makes it incredibly hard for the primary teacher to run their classrooms and lesson plans effectively. Oregon is ranked low nationally for meeting educational milestones. This needs to change! 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 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,
Molly Growden