

Submitter: Ciatta Thompson
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507
Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Ciatta Thompson. I am a longtime NW Portland resident and the Republican candidate for Oregon House District 33 in 2026. I write in strong opposition to Senate Bill 1507, particularly the proposed amendments that disconnect Oregon's tax code from federal provisions and impose new revenue measures on businesses while claiming to help working families.

Oregonians are already crushed by high living costs, unaffordable housing, and decades of one-party rule that has driven businesses away and made our state less competitive. Families need real relief — lower taxes, more take-home pay, and policies that encourage job creation — not government maneuvers that claw back revenue by rejecting federal tax conformity.

The amendments to SB 1507 would:

Disconnect from federal deductions and depreciations that benefit small businesses and job creators (e.g., bonus depreciation for equipment, qualified small business stock).

Generate hundreds of millions in new state revenue by effectively raising taxes on employers and corporations.

Redirect some to expand credits, but at the cost of economic growth that actually helps working-class Oregonians through better jobs and wages.

This isn't "closing loopholes" for the wealthy — it's punishing businesses that hire, invest, and drive our economy. In a state already losing population and businesses to lower-tax neighbors, we can't afford policies that make Oregon even less attractive for job creation. True affordability comes from fiscal discipline, spending restraint, and letting people keep more of their earnings — not selective decoupling from federal tax code to fund government priorities.

I urge the committee to reject these amendments and SB 1507 in its current form. Protect working families and small businesses by maintaining tax conformity where it provides relief, and focus on real solutions like cutting wasteful spending instead of hidden tax increases.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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