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On Behalf Of:

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House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4125

I support HB 4125 to reform the kicker. Currently we lack the resources to fund all the programs in order to meet our obligations and realize our values. HR1 will eviscerate our state unless we act. Now is the time to effect change and reform Oregon taxes to be able to support our children and our most vulnerable neighbors. In addition we must be more efficient in how we implement our programs. And we all will likely accept some cuts.

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 implore our 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 all for your service to our state.

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