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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4125

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters and members of the House Revenue Committee,

I am an Oregon voter in 97214. 2026 marks my 30th year living as an engaged Portlander who cares deeply about the wellbeing of myself, my neighbors, and all Oregonians who will come after us. I am begging you all to support HB 4125 with the goal to modernize the Kicker.

As I have aged and leaned more about responsible money management & budgeting, one of the best tools one can have in your financial tool belt is predictability. If you know how much you have to spend for the year to come, allocating funds in an efficient and sensible way becomes second nature. The Revenue Forecast Modernization Act (HB 4125) creates a more accurate prediction of revenue, and thus, a more stable state budget for all Oregonians to trust and rely on.

In order to fulfill Oregonian's basic and foundational social promises of a quality public education, the human right of access to housing and food security, and social services that include dignified medical care, it will assuredly take MORE than passing HB 4125 to generate the necessary revenue; but, I believe this is a necessary and crucial step in the right direction.

I will be paying close, close attention to the elected officials who support HB 4125 as it relates to our upcoming election season, and will be sure to communicate all decisions made FOR and AGAINST the people to my widespread community. I will not look favorably on officials who do not support this step in the right direction. As it stands now, Oregon taxpayers have already paid the kicker, and we are calling for our tax dollars, Kicker and otherwise, to actually fund services that improve the daily lives of your constituents.

When specifically looking at public schooling - Oregon's average 5th grade class size is THIRTY SIX students per class. T-h-i-r-t-y s-i-x !!!!!!!!! That is irresponsible at best, and incredibly detrimental to our youth's wellbeing at worst. It leaves teachers completely exhausted. It wreaks havoc on the future of our communities.

During a time of violent instability coming from the maniacs in charge in DC, we need local support for our communities now more than ever. Investing in healthcare, education, housing, disability services, climate mitigation, infrastructure,

transportation, etc etc etc will bring levels of safety and security that is quite literally life saving. Please, please take this action of passing HB 4125 as an act of solidarity and commitment to the well being and care of all Oregonians.

Defund the police and use that unfathomable amount of cash money for us too, while you're at it.

Sincerely,  
Emma Bryant