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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4143

Dear House Committee on Rules: I encourage you to advance House Bill 4143, the RECOURSE Act. This bill adds a tool to justifiably defend our state with the ability to withhold funds from the federal government if federal payments are withheld from the state in violation of a court decision. We Oregonians take expedient lead in taking care of each other, and must preserve our right and ability to do so. We look to our federal partners to support us and leverage our dollars in that spirit. We rely on tax dollars coming home to us in shared investments for social betterment through the commons - from medical care for babies, people with disabilities and our elders, through public schools, via safe transportation options, and SNAP benefits. If the federal government is unwilling to uphold their contracts with Oregon, it's just reasonable and fair business practice that we hold on to payment until the federal government pays out as agreed. The situation we are in is beyond disagreement or difference of political opinion; we are experiencing repeat violations of the social contracts our families and neighbors depend upon. Please pass House Bill 4143. Thank you for your consideration.