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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4125

I submit this testimony in opposition to HB 4125.

Oregonians are exhausted by a Legislature that continually looks for new ways to keep more of their money. HB 4125 may be framed as a technical change, but its real effect is to weaken the surplus revenue refund and make it easier for the state to retain funds that do not belong to it.

The kicker exists precisely because the state has a history of over-collecting. Changing revenue estimate methodology to reduce refunds is not fiscal responsibility, it is a workaround to avoid returning excess revenue to taxpayers.

Families and businesses are already stretched thin by taxes, fees, and cost increases. Instead of adjusting accounting methods to justify higher spending, the Legislature should focus on living within its means.

Oregonians have had enough. I urge you to reject HB 4125.

Respectfully submitted,
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