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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4125

Hello, Chair Nathanson and Co-Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters,

I am a constituent of yours in SE Portland and my child is a student at Creston Elementary School. We care about Oregon and its students. We support HB 4125 to modernize the kicker.

Now is the time to effect change and reform Oregon taxes to benefit children and the future of our state. I am frustrated and disheartened by the continuous lack of funding for schools, starting with Measure 5 and then with Measure 50.

We are continuously failing generations of Oregon children - and simultaneously damaging our business climate by failing to attract talented employees with families to our city due to the failures of our schools. This had been an ongoing problem since I was a student in Oregon public schools and it's hard to believe that this state and its representatives aren't standing up to ensure our kids are educated.

The structure of the Kicker right now is destabilizing to the General Fund. Without a stable, growing General Fund, public education will never get a big enough piece of the pie. The Revenue Forecast Modernization Act or HB 4125 makes budget predictions less high stakes for our children and communities.

I'm calling on you, my lawmaker, to speak out boldly in favor of our kids and pass this bill into law. As the federal "Big Beautiful Bill" legislation starts to take effect, Oregon's General Fund will require a solid foundation, and the current Kicker is a perpetual crack in that foundation. Let's have a revenue prediction system that ensures investment in our children and in the future small business in our state.

Sincerely,

Jacklyn Harris