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On Behalf Of:

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HB4125

I am writing in support of HB 4125 the Revenue Forecast Modernization Act. I'm a parent to a Portland Public Schools student at Duniway Elementary School. The Kicker is bankrupting Oregon's General Fund as the economy becomes increasingly chaotic and difficult to predict. An inadequate General Fund means that every year, PPS faces cuts to core programs, staff, and facilities. We are already down to the bare bones, there is nothing left to cut, and yet we face a \$50 million midyear deficit. Every year our schools cut essential programs and supports for our kids and our kids class sizes are consistently over 30 at the elementary school level. That is unacceptable for the years where these children are supposed to be mastering foundational skills for their future. The General Fund needs stability. The wealthiest Oregonians do not need exorbitant tax credits while our schoolchildren do without breathable indoor air, staff support, and a full month of the school year that most other states have. This bill will create the needed wiggle room for our state economists to make their predictions without the pressure to get it "right" within 2 percent, two years in advance--a task that is impossible in a world of unpredictable tariffs, health crises, military action and more. Please support HB4125 to help secure Oregon's future.

Sincerely,

Julia Blattner