

To: House Committee on Revenue

From: Deborah Ferrer, The Dalles

Re: **STRONG SUPPORT for HB 4125, the Revenue Forecast and Modernization Act**

Date: February 4, 2026

Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chair Werner Reschke, Vice-Chair Walters, and Members of the House Committee on Revenue:

I'll admit, it's always nice to get that Kicker check, but in reality, it doesn't change my life in any significant way.

On the other hand, wildfires (we had one just west of my hometown of The Dalles last year that burned 60 homes) DO change people's lives in catastrophic ways. As a PERS retiree, I worry about potential significant cuts to my pension due to the consistent underfunding of the retirement system I and so many Oregonians rely on. And in my community, as in communities across Oregon, people are suffering from the cruelty and chaos of the Trump Administration's cuts to social safety net programs.

Improving the method for calculating the revenue forecast so that the State isn't "kicking" back more tax dollars to us that it should benefits us all by helping protect against truly devastating emergencies. I'll happily give up my relatively insignificant bonus check for that.

**Please vote YES on HB 4125, for Oregon's long-term financial well-being.**

Respectfully,

Deborah Ferrer, The Dalles