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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4125

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice Chair Reschke, and Vice Chair Walters,

I am a constituent of yours in SE Portland, and I support HB 4125 to modernize the kicker.

My son is a 4th grader at Creston Elementary School, and in the five years that he has been in the school, he's seen PPS cut a half a dozen teachers and admin staff positions.

We need to reform Oregon taxes now to benefit the children of this state. I am furious with the continuous lack of funding for schools, starting with Measure 5 and then with Measure 50. It makes me want to leave the state.

The structure of the Kicker right now is destabilizing to the General Fund. Without a stable, growing General Fund, we will never adequately fund public education. HB 4125 makes budget predictions less high stakes for our children and communities.

I'm calling on you, my lawmakers, to speak out boldly in favor of this bill and pass it 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,
Tony Abraham