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On Behalf Of:

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This is the second time submitting this letter. The first time, the site gave me an unexplained error. You may not be receiving everyone's comments!!

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

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

My son is a 4th grader at Creston Elementary School. Now is the time to effect change and reform Oregon taxes to benefit children like mine. I am sick and tired of the continuous lack of funding for schools, starting with Measure 5 and then with Measure 50. My son's school has seen the departure of multiple teachers and staff due to funding issues.

We are continuously failing generations of Oregon children, and 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, 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 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