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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4125

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters and members of the House Revenue Committee,

I am an Oregon voter in. I want to urge you to support HB 4125 to modernize the Kicker. Please vote to move it forward!

The Revenue Forecast Modernization Act (HB 4125) is a solid government measure to create more accurate revenue predictions and thus a more stable state budget. We need increased resources - more revenue - in order to fulfill basic and foundational social promises of quality public education, access to housing and food security, and social services and medical care. It will take*more* than passing HB 4125 to generate the necessary revenue, but it is a step in the right direction.

I will be paying close attention to the elected officials who support HB 4125 for election season. I will not look favorably on officials who do not support this step in the right direction

Taxpayers don't count on the kicker, they've already paid the kicker, and the kicker is not a meaningful or predictable addition to their incomes.

I believe that we are stronger together and must invest in our communities, especially our schools. Individual tax payers cannot rely on the kicker, because it is variable every year. On the other hand, our programs need that money to support our families and communities. With tight budgets at every level, it is irresponsible to not use this tax revenue for the many needs of Oregonians.

Thank you,
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