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HB4125

I am writing in support of HB 4125, the Revenue Forecast Modernization Act. I'm a resident of Portland, but I grew up in a poor school district in rural southwest Oregon. My mother was a teacher, and three of my siblings are teachers. I moved back to Oregon after teaching for years at university level in California, but have struggled to find steady employment since, and I am currently without health care. I pay my taxes and am involved in my local community. The amount of money I've gotten back from the Oregon "kicker" has been so negligible as to be laughable; under the current program, millionaires are coming out very much ahead while the average Oregonian continues to face financial uncertainty on a daily basis, and our kids continue to fall behind their peers nationally as a result of ever-shortening school-years and program cuts. Our state should invest our money back into education, rather than send me a bag of nickels to justify cutting huge checks for the rich. Please support HB4125 to help secure Oregon's future.