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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 on the southern Oregon coast. My mother is a teacher, and three of my siblings are teachers, and I taught for almost a decade in California before moving back to my home state. Since returning to Oregon, I have struggled to find steady employment, and I am currently without health insurance. I pay my taxes and I am involved in my community. The amount of money I have gotten back from the "kicker" program has been so negligible as to be laughable; meanwhile, millionaires are cashing out large refunds. Average Oregonians like myself continue to face financial insecurity on a daily basis, and our kids continue to fall further behind their peers nationally, with ever-shortening school-years, and educational programs being slashed across the board. Our state should be investing our money back into education, rather than sending me a bag of nickels to justify cutting huge checks for millionaires. Please support HB4125 to help secure Oregon's future.