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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4125

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

I am a constituent in House District 41 and my child is a student at Duniway Elementary School. I care about Oregon and its students and I support HB 4125 to modernize the kicker.

Now is the time to effect change and reform Oregon taxes to benefit children. It is time to put Oregon's children first and support legislation that will stabilize Oregon's budget. For too long Oregon has insufficiently funded its public schools, starting with Measure 5 and then with Measure 50.

We are continuously failing generations of Oregon's children. The structure of the kicker is destabilizing 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 lawmakers, to speak out boldly in support 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 our state. Now is the time for Oregon to take care of Oregonians.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony and for your service.

Sincerely,

Mark Kuester