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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing in support of HB 4125 the Revenue Forecast Modernization Act. I'm a parent to two Portland Public Schools students at Duniway Elementary School. The Kicker is bankrupting Oregon's General Fund as the economy becomes increasingly chaotic and difficult to predict. An inadequate General Fund means that every year, PPS faces cuts to core programs, staff, and facilities. We are already down to the bare bones, there is nothing left to cut, and yet we face a \$50 million midyear deficit. We can not let our public schools continue to suffer at the hands of the budget. The General Fund needs stability. The wealthiest Oregonians do not need exorbitant tax credits while our school children do without breathable indoor air, staff support, and a full month of the school year that most other states have. This bill will create the needed wiggle room for our state economists to make their predictions without the pressure to get it "right" within 2 percent, two years in advance--a task that is impossible in a world of unpredictable tariffs, health crises, military action and so much more. I urge you to please support HB4125 to help secure Oregon's future.