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On Behalf Of:
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Hello, Chair Nathanson and Co-Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters,

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. I am sick and tired of the continuous lack of funding for schools, starting with Measure 5 and then with Measure 50.

We are continuously failing generations of Oregon children - and right now, my own kids, who are students at Cleveland High School in Portland.

The structure of the Kicker right now is destabilizing to 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.

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 educational system.

Sincerely,
Emily Chenoweth