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On Behalf Of: Parent of PPS Student
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4125

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

I am a constituent of yours in House District 42 and my child is a student at Abernethy Elementary School in Portland, where I also serve as PTA Board member. I deeply care about Oregon and its students, believe in public education and support HB 4125 to modernize the Kicker.

Now is the time to effect change and reform Oregon taxes to benefit children and future small businesses. 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 our incredible educators by consistently underfunding education, the fabric of a functioning and thriving civic society. Our educators are beyond burned-out: overwhelmed by large class sizes and teach in classrooms that are in desperate need of upkeep and safe conditions.

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.

I'm calling on you, my lawmaker, to speak out boldly in favor 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 in the future small business in our state.

Sincerely,
Lauren McCune