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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4125

Hello Senator Fredrick and Representative Tawna Sanchez

I am a constituent of yours in NE Portland and my child is a student at Metropolitan Learning Center. We care about Oregon and its students. We support HB 4125 to modernize the kicker, which goes before the Revenue subcommittee today at 3 pm.

Now is the time to effect change and reform Oregon taxes to benefit our children and our state. We are continuously failing generations of Oregon children—and simultaneously damaging our business climate by failing to attract talented employees with families to our city due to the failures of our schools. The children of our state deserve to have stable and adequate funding for schools. We need to start somewhere, so let's start here: Measure 5 and Measure 50.

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,  
Cheney Gruber