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HB4125

I am writing as a parent of students at Cleveland High School and someone who was raised in Portland and remembers the disinvestment of schools after Measure 5. Our family cares about Oregon and its students. We support HB 4125 to modernize the kicker.

After raising children in the Portland Public School system I have attended and supported countless efforts to raise funds for area schools and programs because of a general lack of funding for basic programs, supports, and opportunities. We must fund our schools better and improve our standing in the country for the benefit of future generations, the livability of our state, and the prosperity of our communities. Currently, Oregon's public schools rank in the bottom third for overall performance. That's unacceptable.

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 simultaneously damaging our business climate by failing to attract talented employees with families to our city due to the failures of our schools.

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 Oregon's Legislature 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,  
Dana Visse