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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507

To: Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
From: Child Care for Oregon
Date: February 4th, 2026
RE: SB 1507 - Tax Disconnect

My name is Marie Hutchens, and I am a parent, mother, and care Essential state and federal services that millions of Oregonians rely on are at risk of severe funding cuts due to H.R. 1 and the Trump Administration's agenda. While Oregon faces the loss of billions in federal funds, the wealthiest earners and out-of-state corporations stand to gain massive tax breaks. This is unacceptable for our state and its people.

If we do not decouple from these federal tax codes, Oregon will be forced to make devastating cuts to essential services that millions rely on. Without action, the impacts will be severe: Employment-Related Day Care will run out of money by January 2027 unless the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care coverage due to the largest funding cut in Medicaid/Oregon Health Plan history. These are just a few examples of what's at risk if we remain bound to a federal system that prioritizes tax breaks for the wealthy over the well-being of our communities.

I support the state disconnecting from the federal tax codes because my great grandson is only 2, and his parents run into the problem of affording child care even though they both work full time. Subsidized child care would take lots of pressure off of the family members who step in to care for him while his parents work. I want legislators to know that if we don't fund child care families can't pay their bills. Rent, electricity, insurance, even food are all hard to pay for - and families can't afford child care on top of that.

It's pouring in Oregon. I urge you not to bend the knee to the Trump Administration and disconnect from the federal tax codes so that Oregonians don't lose the essential services we heavily rely on.

Thank you,

