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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will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in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 are 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,

