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My name is Heather Quaas Annsa, and I am a parent. 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the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care coverage due to the largest funding cut in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 family has to choose between my husband continuing to be a teacher or stay home with their children because he was not earning enough to offset the cost of childcare. This was a huge hardship for my family while our kids were younger. My family had to decide whether to pursue a career he had put years of dedication into or take care of their children. This issue is not just about families who need child care, it's about everyone impacted by people who have to leave their employment because they can't afford childcare, against all the other costs of living in Oregon. Childcare is not cheap. When you have to decide "should I put food on the table, or should I pay for child care" - that's not an okay situation. If professionals can't afford to go to work because they can't afford childcare, we're going to have an increase of unemployment, homelessness, and people going into debt. That's not what we want or deserve in our community.

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,
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