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My name is Bre Irish, and I am a community member. 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the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care coverage due to the largest funding cut in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 I am a young person and I am delaying having children because of the costs and lack of space for kids. I don't have extra money to pay \$20,000 for child care. We need to invest in our families so they can invest in our communities in return. This also affects our most vulnerable neighbors, people who are already carrying monumental amounts of stress and responsibilities. I want to have kids one day who will need child care and I want the other families in my state to be able to make that decision for themselves instead of being pressured to make hard decisions about their future they otherwise wouldn't have to make (or they'd be a little easier). Healthy communities care for their next generations. That's how we thrive.

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,
Bre Irish