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

My name is Todd Kelley, and I live in McMinnville. I am writing to urge you to vote NO on SB 1507.

SB 1507 is effectively a tax increase at a time when families and small businesses are already struggling with high costs for housing, food, utilities, transportation, and healthcare. It takes more money out of our pockets instead of providing relief when we need it most.

Oregon does not have a revenue problem; it has a spending-priorities problem. The state budget has grown much faster than our population, and lawmakers should focus on using existing revenue more responsibly instead of raising taxes yet again.

I am also worried that this bill moves Oregon toward a sales-tax-style system that voters have rejected many times. Any sales-type tax hits low- and middle-income residents the hardest, because they pay more every time they buy basic necessities.

Disconnecting from parts of the federal tax code will make Oregon less competitive and raise costs for employers who are trying to invest, grow, and keep jobs in our communities. Before raising taxes by hundreds of millions of dollars, the Legislature should focus on controlling spending and improving accountability.

Please vote NO on SB 1507 and work instead on policies that make Oregon more affordable for families and small businesses.

Thank you for your time and consideration.