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My name is Yvette Zavala, 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the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care coverage due to the largest funding cut in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 code because I used ERDC in 2019, my son was 3 years old at the time and I went back into the workforce after being home with him. I knew that the expectation was that he at least be potty trained, and thankfully that happened, but when I applied and was approved, finding an affordable ERDC location was really difficult. I was working from 9-7:30pm. Finding a location that was affordable and could fit those hours was really, really hard. Quality care was important to me. I wanted my son to be enriched and learn things he was already doing at home, which was hard to find because not all facilities had that. I was only qualified for partial hours and still had to pay out of pocket. As a Community Health Worker I have to assist post partum mothers who are entering the workforce--they are on OHP and food stamps and it has been impossible for them to go back to work and find a job and find childcare--because I work with both undocumented people--has been a hardship. Losing ERDC would add more hardship to their plates.

Tax Disconnect: I totally agree, we should not duplicate those tax breaks for millionaires. I am so, so worried about the messaging coming from the democrats and losing the election to republicans. I don't know why they would duplicate those tax breaks--people want childcare, they move to places with affordable childcare because they want to work. They are going to plummet our working class, that sounds so horrible. We should have a tax disconnect. Our state cannot afford to

duplicate HB1. That's why California had to have a state of emergency for SNAP benefits AND we're on the verge of a government shutdown because of ICE! I had no idea this was a conversation we were having.

Message for representatives: Tina Kotek, what are you doing? Girl, snap out of it! I am disappointed in political leadership in general.

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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