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My name is Camille Tschaggeny, and I am a taxpayer. 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the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care coverage due to the largest funding cut in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 there's a reason why folks like Nike, Intel, and many others need to pay taxes. As an OR tax payer, I have paid more state tax for the year several times than Intel. That's asinine. Why am I still owing the state after normal employment taxation? Because of the structural breaks we have given these vampires, that haven't given back, that don't have operational daycare for their own employees. Caring for children, raising a healthy society, requires that they be maximally cared for. In that they have enriched the environment. Bleed them dry and subsidize the parents, not the companies! These companies should be taxed! And then these taxes can pay for high quality, high functioning educational structures.

To legislators: Oregon needs a truly progressive tax structure with incredibly, vastly increased upper tiers to fund actual social civic good.

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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