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My name is Alisa Lynn Blum 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the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care coverage due to the largest funding cut in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 code because I am a taxpayer, and when I had my kids in childcare I think I spent more in childcare than I made. It was so expensive! It's even worse now, and that was 20 years ago. So, it definitely limited opportunities for me. I'm also a community advocate for childcare in Washington County. I learned a lot about the landscape and how inadequate the funding is.

ERDC would help a lot of people hold down jobs. If you don't have childcare you can't work, you can't advance in your career, it sets people back financially. People at a lower income level really need it. It's a win for every family and a win for our economy and our kids.

I've heard that one priority for the governor is increasing success in schools, and it's hard to have success in school if kids don't have early learning.

There's a big emphasis on the economy, and a great way to grow the economy is to make sure that people have childcare and can work. I think a lot of people don't see the connection between economic growth and childcare – I think that's a really important connection for people to have.

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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