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My name is Lisa Schmelzer, I am a mother. 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the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care coverage due to the largest funding cut in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 my child was in ERDC when I was working full-time. It was so nice to be able to have her in childcare while I worked. I knew that I could trust where she was going because they had to follow state and federal guidelines. I also used to work for Head Start, and ERDC provided a job for me. Since families were able to get childcare through this program, it guaranteed that I would have a job. Working families do not make a living wage, let alone a wage that pays for childcare. So, to be able to have childcare paid for was a blessing, and one less thing to not have to stress over.

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,
Lisa Schmelzer