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To: Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue

From: Emily Kenney

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RE: SB 1507 - Tax Disconnect

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the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care coverage due to the largest funding cut in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.

As a single mother, I struggle to make ends meet with 2 young kids. I work hard as a High School Science Teacher in the state of Oregon, but I have to supplement my income by driving for Uber on the weekends.

We need to support our families, childcare, and mental health in the community.

I also teach at an option public school for students who struggle with traditional schools. These students struggle every day with food insecurity, housing insecurity, and many are unable to access affordable healthcare without our programs. Budget cuts to schools cuts food and free healthcare to students who need it.

Thank you,
Emily Kenney