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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507
To: Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
From: Kristin McCartney
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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the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care coverage due to the largest funding cut in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.

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 1507. As an educator and a parent of a student in community college the current proposed budget cuts will continue to erode our education system. My school district is facing a \$30 million shortfall. They are proposing to cut vital student services in order to maintain current class sizes. Those class sizes are already too large. I have classes of anywhere from 35-40. It is very hard to serve all the students in my room with classes that large. We need solutions that put more money into schools, healthcare and childcare. When we support these programs we uplift our fellow Oregonians.

Thank you,
Kristin McCartney