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Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
900 Court St. NE,
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Honorable Members of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee,

Pacific Seafood is a third-generation, family-owned seafood company that proudly provides fresh, sustainable, and high-quality products of the USA to customers in all 50 states as well as exports to more than 50 countries around the world. We've grown from our humble beginnings in 1941 to become one of the largest seafood companies in the U.S., proudly employing more than 3,500 team members across eight states, including Alaska, Oregon, Washington, and Texas. We proudly have over 1,500 of those team members in Oregon.

We are strongly opposed to SB 1507 because of significant concerns about the policy direction it proposes. Disconnecting Oregon from the federal tax code would be a step backward for the state's business climate and economy.

Oregon does not face a revenue shortage. General Fund revenues have nearly doubled since the 2015–17 biennium and are projected to more than double again over the next decade, according to state revenue forecasts. At the same time, Oregon businesses are already carrying a heavy tax burden. The state's effective business tax rate rose 33% between 2019 and 2023, and Oregon's corporate tax structure ranks among the most burdensome in the nation.

This proposal would further hinder economic development at a time when Oregon already struggles to attract and retain private businesses. The state consistently ranks near the bottom nationally for business friendliness, cost of doing business, and unemployment. Policies that increase tax complexity or limit widely used federal provisions would only make Oregon less competitive. Many of Pacific Seafood's customers, suppliers, and vendors are small businesses, and they would be disproportionately affected. Disconnecting from the federal tax code would increase compliance and planning costs, which would represent a far greater share of earnings for small businesses than for larger companies with in-house or retained tax expertise. While Pacific Seafood is relatively large and well-resourced, this position reflects our belief that Oregon's small businesses must be supported and allowed to thrive.

Recent federal tax provisions, such as bonus depreciation and immediate expensing for R&D provide critical incentives for businesses to invest, innovate, and create jobs in Oregon. Disconnecting from these provisions would reduce capital investment and could eliminate



hundreds of millions of dollars in near-term reinvestment that strengthens local economies. These provisions accelerate investment; they do not represent permanent revenue losses to the state. Several recent studies in the U.S. demonstrate that tax policies, including federal tax code provisions that encourage R&D investment and innovation, lead to higher state-level tax revenue.

In short, disconnecting from the federal tax code would raise costs, reduce investment, and slow job growth, without a compelling fiscal justification. We urge Oregon to be focused on improving its competitiveness, not adding new barriers for employers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bella Johnson".

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