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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507

To: House Revenue Committee

From: Nancy La Wanna Way

Date: 2/18

Re: Support for SB 1507

Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Walters and Reschke, and members of the committee....

My name is Nancy La Wanna Way, 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the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care coverage due to the largest funding cut in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 codes because I was a single mother the majority of my life. Access to child care was incredibly helpful. It allowed me to go to work. Without child care, I wouldn't have been able to work. Having something to help supplement to bring the cost down was wonderful. I would like to see child care subsidies increased for families across the state because we really need it. I want legislators to know that if we can't fund child care, families are forced to find non-qualified people to watch their children, putting children in potentially risky situations.

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,
Nancy La Wanna Way