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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507

As a member of the 14 Congregation Interfaith Alliance on Poverty, I am writing to urge your support of SB1507 - the "decoupling" of the State of Oregon tax structure from the Federal tax code. It is critical that you pass this out of committee with a resounding vote in order to reflect the needs of Oregon citizens and infrastructure.

This change is critical to allow Oregon the flexibility to address possible impending shortfalls resulting from federal legislation. Without this change, as a result of the recently passed federal budget legislation (H.R.-1), Oregon stands to lose a significant amount of revenue. These losses will likely affect most state agencies and our greatest concern is the loss of SNAP and Medicaid benefits that serve those who are vulnerable and in need.

Thank you

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