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To: House Committee on Revenue
From: Amanda Orozco / Partners For a Hunger-Free Oregon
RE: Support for SB 1507A

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

My name is Amanda Orozco and I am with Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon. We are a statewide anti-hunger advocacy organization whose values and work are centered on creating systemic changes to end hunger and poverty.

Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon strongly supports SB 1507A.

Oregon families are facing rising food costs, housing instability, and economic uncertainty. At the same time, federal actions threaten funding for essential programs like SNAP, school meals, and the Oregon Health Plan. These are programs that are foundational to preventing and reducing hunger in our state. Oregon cannot afford to deepen hardship by allowing budget shortfalls to result in cuts to the very services that keep families afloat.

SB 1507A takes important steps to protect working families and strengthen our state's revenue system. In particular, we strongly support the expansion of Oregon's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The EITC is one of the most effective anti-poverty tools available. Increasing the state credit will put more money directly into the pockets of low- and moderate-income households, helping families afford groceries, rent, utilities, and other basic needs. For many families, the EITC refund is the difference between stability and crisis.

By updating Oregon's connection to the federal tax code and closing certain loopholes, this bill also helps ensure that corporations and higher-income taxpayers contribute fairly, so that Oregon can maintain investments in food access, health care, housing, and education. A strong and equitable tax code is essential to ending hunger.

Hunger is not caused by a lack of food, it is caused by a lack of income and opportunity. SB 1507A helps address that root cause while protecting critical public services.

For these reasons, we urge your support of SB 1507A.

Sincerely,
Amanda Orozco