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

"Co-Chairs and members of the committee,

Please vote For SB 1507 to reduce or stop corporations from being able to use loopholes to get out of paying taxes that we need to be paid in Oregon to fund our schools, childcare, public safety programs and other State Government services dependent on tax revenue. I believe SB 1507 is written to counter some (all?) of the tax breaks that Trump has given to big corporations that he should not have given them, especially in the context of all the Federal funding that has been cut going to states (mostly Democrat ran states).

As our voice in Salem, we are counting on you to reject some of the most egregious and costly tax breaks for corporations and the wealthy and prevent cuts to public safety, schools, childcare, and other critical services. That begins with voting yes on SB 1507.

SB 1507 helps recoup \$311.6 million in funding for programs Oregonians care about by “disconnecting” Oregon from automatically mirroring some of the most costly tax loopholes in H.R. 1, the disastrous budget bill signed by President Trump.

To be clear, there is more work to do beyond SB 1507. There is still a larger budget gap to close, and balancing the budget by slashing programs Oregonians rely on is the wrong approach. But one thing is certain: passing SB 1507 is a critical first step in addressing the budget crisis created by H.R. 1.

The decision before you and your colleagues this session should be clear: Prioritize protecting Oregon families, not further enriching the ultra-wealthy.

Please vote YES on SB 1507.

Thank you,
Paul Howard