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TO: House Committee on Revenue

FROM: Our Children's Oregon

SUBJECT: **In Support of SB 1507A**

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

My name is David Wieland, I'm the Policy and Advocacy director at Our Children Oregon. We leverage data and research to champion equitable opportunities and outcomes for every child in the state. We bring together over 135 child-serving organizations across the state to build a shared legislative agenda to improve child wellbeing. I am writing in support of SB 1507, while urging this legislature to recognize that this bill, though important, is only a first step toward protecting Oregon families from the devastating impacts of federal tax policy.

The Crisis Facing Oregon's Children and Families

The organizations we work with across Oregon are sounding the alarm. Childcare providers are struggling to keep their doors open. Schools are facing impossible budget decisions. Healthcare systems serving children are stretched beyond capacity. And families are being crushed by the rising costs of basic necessities like healthcare, childcare, and housing.

This crisis did not happen by accident. Congress' tax breaks for billionaires and the wealthiest corporations have created a catastrophic imbalance. While the richest 1% received \$117 billion in tax cuts, Oregon families are paying more for everything that matters: the childcare that allows parents to work, the healthcare that keeps their children healthy, and the education that gives their children a chance at a better future.



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Our Children Oregon works with partners who serve tens of thousands of Oregon children every single day. These are the children who will bear the burden of this administration's choices unless you, as Oregon's lawmakers, step up to be the backstop against an increasingly hostile federal administration that does not care about raising prices on everyday people to pay for tax cuts for wealthy corporations.

Why We Support SB 1507

We support the core goal of SB 1507: closing tax loopholes for the ultra-wealthy to fund healthcare, childcare, schools, public safety, and the other critical services that Oregon's children depend on.

SB 1507 takes an important step by targeting the wealthiest beneficiaries of Trump's tax cuts for large corporations and the rich. By beginning to close some of Oregon's budget gap through refusing to pass along state tax cuts to those who have received massive federal handouts, this bill demonstrates a commitment to fairness and to Oregon's values.

Additionally, SB 1507 improves affordability for working families by expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit, putting cash directly in the pockets of nearly a quarter million working families. For families living paycheck to paycheck this expansion could mean the difference between keeping the lights on or falling behind, between affording childcare or having a parent leave the workforce.

But SB 1507 Is Not Enough

To be clear: even if SB 1507 passes, we will still see devastating cuts to food assistance, healthcare, childcare, and other critical services that Oregon's children rely on. SB 1507 keeps the majority of HR 1's taxpayer handouts to the mega-rich and large corporations intact and, in doing so, takes that money out of the pockets of everyday people instead. The children we serve cannot afford for us to stop here.



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When childcare programs close because of funding cuts, parents cannot work. When healthcare services are slashed, children suffer. When schools lose resources, an entire generation pays the price. These are not abstract policy debates. These are real children, real families, and real communities that will experience real harm.

Our Call to Action

We urge you to pass SB 1507 as a critical first step in the right direction. But we are here today to ask you to keep fighting to prevent the cuts that will only deepen the affordability crisis facing hard-working families.

Oregon's children deserve lawmakers who will be a backstop against federal policies that prioritize billionaires over babies, corporations over classrooms, and tax breaks over the basic building blocks of childhood opportunity.

We urge the legislature to rein in President Trump's tax breaks for the ultra-wealthy in order to protect funding for healthcare, childcare, education, and other critical services that Oregonians rely on. SB 1507 is a small step in the right direction, but lawmakers must do more to prevent devastating funding cuts that will only deepen the affordability crisis facing hard-working families.

Our Children Oregon stands ready to work with you on solutions that truly protect Oregon's children and families. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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