

Submitter: Colette Arnold

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507

My name is Colette Arnold and I am writing with my husband Duane, and we are care providers, and work as personal support workers. We live in Dorena and work with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In our jobs we help live with independence and dignity. I'm writing to ask you to vote yes on SB 1507A.

We are lucky that we get to work with our clients because Oregon has invested in their ability to stay at home and have care givers. My clients depend on the Oregon Health Plan to get this care. But Congress is trying to cut Medicaid funding, and that puts my clients — and my job — at extreme risk. Without a fix, hours will continue to be cut for clients that really need them. Already my client has lost more than 80 hours.

SB 1507A can help protect these services. It closes tax loopholes for the wealthy, expands the Earned Income Tax Credit for working families, and helps Oregon keep the funding it needs for the Oregon Health Plan and other programs my clients rely on.

We should not cut care for our most vulnerable neighbors just to give tax breaks to the wealthy. Please vote yes on SB 1507A.

Thank you.