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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Revenue  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507  
To: House Revenue Committee  
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From: Jessica Ferguson  
Re: Support for SB 1507

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

Essential state and federal services that millions of Oregonians rely on are at risk of severe funding cuts due to H.R. 1 and the Trump Administration's agenda. While Oregon faces the loss of billions in federal funds, the wealthiest earners and out-of-state corporations stand to gain massive tax breaks. This is unacceptable for our state and its people.

If we do not decouple from these federal tax codes, Oregon will be forced to make devastating cuts to essential services that millions rely on. Without action, the impacts will be severe: Employment-Related Day Care will run out of money by January 2027 unless the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care coverage due to the largest funding cut in Medicaid/Oregon Health Plan history. These are just a few examples of what's at risk if we remain bound to a federal system that prioritizes tax breaks for the wealthy over the well-being of our communities.

I never used ERDC, but I did work in child care where we had a lot of kids who did. I noticed it was incredibly important to our facility to be able to provide care to kids who wouldn't otherwise be able to receive the care we wanted to give. We are a Montessori school, which is often more of a high-end, niche program, but we were able to offer our services to kids of all backgrounds because of ERDC. Child care is so expensive anyways, that you essentially need to work a job solely to pay for childcare - unless you're getting assistance. I believe that child care should be paid for like K-12 schools are pay for. Child care should be the right of the working class of our country to be able to work while having a safe place for our children to be.

It's pouring in Oregon. I urge you not to bend the knee to the Trump Administration and disconnect from the federal tax codes so that Oregonians don't lose the essential services we heavily rely on.

Thank you,  
Jessica Ferguson  
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