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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507
Co-Chairs and members of the committee,

I have worked for years to amend the US constitution to say that money is not speech and corporations are not people. The loopholes that allow large corporations to avoid taxes is a direct result of the heinous Citizens United SCOTUS decision. Passing SB 1507 is one small step in the right direction.

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.