

February 18, 2026

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

I submit this testimony in my personal capacity in strong support of SB 1507.

Oregon's critical infrastructure relies on revenue. Roads, schools, public health systems, housing stabilization services, and foreclosure prevention programs do not sustain themselves. **Even if it means the possibility of my household paying slightly higher taxes, I recognize that a more stable and prosperous Oregon benefits everyone.** A functional, well-resourced state creates the conditions for economic vitality, public safety, and community well-being.

SB 1507 would disconnect Oregon from certain federal tax provisions that disproportionately benefit large corporations and the wealthiest households. By opting to disconnect, Oregon retains significant revenue that would otherwise be lost through automatic conformity. In a constrained budget environment, that revenue determines whether core housing stabilization systems, road infrastructure, and social safety net resources remain intact.

In my professional role, I lead an organization working to end homelessness and expand access to permanent supportive housing across Central Oregon. Our work improves quality of life, strengthens local economies, and measurably improves health outcomes. But effective solutions to homelessness are long-term by nature and they require stable investments and predictable funding streams. Disruptions in revenue translate directly into disruptions in services, which ultimately cost more than prevention and stabilization.

SB 1507 allows Oregon to retain revenue that would otherwise be lost through automatic conformity with federal tax provisions that disproportionately benefit the wealthiest households and large corporations. Oregon should be an example of rejecting a federal agenda that shifts resources upward while cutting investments that serve the vast majority of community members.

Housing stability is foundational to health, workforce participation, and educational success. When we undermine the revenue base that supports these systems, we undermine Oregon's long-term resilience. SB 1507 is a pragmatic step toward protecting essential services and maintaining the infrastructure that keeps communities strong.

Thank you for your consideration and for serving our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen Sinsky', written in a cursive style.

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