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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507

Co-Chairs and members of the committee,

As someone who works both with community college students and patrons of the Multnomah County Library, I daily see so many Oregonians working so hard to support themselves, their families and their communities, and they do so with very little. It is criminal to continue to not support everyday Oregonians who are hard working, determined, kind folks in favor to giving huge amounts of money to soulless corporations and those who already have enough. The people I see everyday, including myself and my family, are the ones investing in community, in the betterment of Oregon, and helping others. Please support the Oregonians you see everyday as you walk through your towns, stop for coffee, pick up your kids from school . . . and not those who have more than enough and often have no connection to Oregon or supporting Oregon's values.

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.