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To: House Committee on Finance and Revenue

From: Sharon Loney, SEIU 503

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RE: Support for SB 1507A

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice Chair Werner Reschke, Vice Chair Walters, and members of the committee,

My name is Sharon Loney. I am a Revenue Agent III at the Oregon Department of Revenue. I am here as a member and chief steward of SEIU 503 Local 150. A union that represents over 70,000 workers.

I am here today to **urge you to vote in favor of Senate Bill 1507** to take control of our state's tax code and fight for all Oregonians. Passing Senate Bill 1507 is the first step toward narrowing our budget gap now, closing tax loopholes, and investing in working families through Oregon's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and no tax on tips or overtime.

Senate Bill 1507 would generate the largest expansion of the EITC in Oregon's history. The EITC remains the greatest tool to fight childhood poverty since its creation by a bipartisan Congress in 1975. The EITC expansion will put money back into the pockets of over 200,000 households at a time when families are struggling to pay rent, keep the lights on, and food on the table. That is money put back directly into our state economy and not stored away in some offshore tax haven.

Not passing this bill would mean deeper cuts to the Oregon Health Plan, Preschool Promise, and SNAP food benefits - just to name a few. Our members deliver many of these services that 1 in 3 Oregonians rely on. As a state, we should not balance the budget on the backs of our children, seniors, and veterans while the rich get richer, and the middle class struggles to pay the bills.

At Revenue we collect the money Oregonian count on. Every dollar that supports the General Fund — and the schools, healthcare services, public safety, infrastructure, and community programs it finances — starts with the work we do. Oregonians count on these services.

We are in for a few rough years ahead as projections suggest that Oregon's on track to lose up to \$14 billion in revenue and federal cuts. Investing in Oregon and state workers is investing in Oregon's future. I urge you to support SB 1507.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sharon Loney