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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: Cynthia Serra

Re: Support for SB 1507

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

My name is Cynthia Serra, and I am an elementary school nurse..

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the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care coverage due to the largest funding cut in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 work with families who are primarily employed in the service industry. As it is, we struggle to find child care placement for them at Kids Inc located at our facility. Due to the limited spots and a lack of other options, young children are left to be watched by a barely old enough sibling, stuck in front of a television, or allowed to roam the neighborhood for 4-5 hours in the afternoon. These solutions lack enrichment for our students and safety of adult supervision.

Thank you,  
Cynthia Serra  
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