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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: Dina E. Lopez
Re: Support for SB 1507

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

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the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care coverage due to the largest funding cut in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 am a provider that takes ERDC families. If ERDC runs out of money, it will definitely affect me personally, because this is what I do for a living and what I've been doing for 14 years. I've been doing childcare for my community, especially ERDC families and farmworkers. It would definitely affect me, my budget to support my own family, if I had to close my daycare because ERDC ran out of money I would struggle to find a new job because I work with kids. It would affect the kids that I have as well, because they've been with me since they were little. I have families that have been with me for 8 years already, so the kids are growing up here with me and their moms would have to take them to a new place or stop working. It would definitely affect them and their development. It would affect the parents because they already have me as their set provider, they know my hours, it would also affect them and their commute. To legislators: This is about the kids especially. It's not about me as a provider or the parents, it's about the kids' wellbeing. They're gonna be thinking, where am I going,

what am I doing now? Their schedules are going to be messed up. The kids out here need that support and help, from a provider who has all the training--that's us, that's why we get ERDC payments. Not all providers get ERDC. We work hard to prepare our house, and ourselves, to have all the training that is required to take ERDC families. Definitely, we need that support and the kids need that support.

Thank you,
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