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On Behalf Of:
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To: House Revenue Committee

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From: Deanna Isabelle Cohen

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the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care coverage due to the largest funding cut in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'm a childcare provider and my clients would not be able to access care without ERDC and food assistance. I am in favor of funding ERDC, use whatever funds, don't give people a kicker, use reserves. This is helping children get access to quality early education, which studies show is critical. For example, childcare operators who are independent, like myself, really struggle. Without ERDC we just can't make it, so then you won't have independent business in Oregon. There's hardly any of us independent providers in Oregon anymore. The chains that are here are operated from out of state, which hurts women and minorities who want to start childcare businesses, because we can't compete with chains.

Thank you,
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