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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: Dominique Sade Garcia
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the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care coverage due to the largest funding cut in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 had ERDC, and for my kids when they were younger and now I have a childcare of my own and I wish I could get ERDC families here and it is not easy for them to find it. I can't leave ERDC flyers in the ERDC offices, so it's hard for families to find good care. When I had ERDC 16 years ago, it took training to find the homes and go back and try again. I feel like people are scared, they know they need the care but need to know they can trust the person. Having vetted, trusted providers already, like Preschool for All, would work better for ERDC. I definitely don't want ERDC or Preschool for All to end. There are providers who are waiting for families. I get that, it's family choice--however, who is helping to place the students? The families need more direct support in how to look for and engage with a provider.

Thank you,

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