



House Committee on Revenue

**RE: Support SB 1507, Fight for Working Families (Federal Tax Disconnect)**

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**Chair Nathanson, Vice Chair Reschke and Walters, and Members of the Committee,**

My name is Jazveer Kaler and I am a Legislative Organizer at Next Up Action Fund, an organization dedicated to promoting civic engagement, leadership development, and agency for young people.

But I'm also an economics student at the University of Oregon and have spent countless hours researching government intervention. H.R.1 is an abomination; it's a blatant violation of fundamental economics and the social contract.

Today, I am writing in support of SB 1507 which is an important step to disconnect from specific provisions of H.R.1. and mitigate its harmful impacts. By remaining 'automatically connected' to this federal overreach, Oregon is effectively subsidizing a regressive redistribution of wealth that prioritizes billionaires over the survival of our people.

Oregon is uniquely vulnerable to H.R.1. Oregon is one of the only states that connects automatically to federal tax law and is projected to lose \$900 million this biennium and \$15 billion in the next six years. This is money that goes toward critical infrastructure and programs like Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Earned Income Tax Credit (ETIC).

These are programs that support the working class. Nearly half a million Oregonians will lose or see reduced SNAP benefits as a result of a \$435 million reduction. You don't need an economics degree to know that this is going to hurt people. These programs are a crucial lifeline for families. Allowing that lifeline to be cut is a violation of your civil responsibility.

I urge your support of SB 1507, and ask the Oregon Legislature to be thoughtful about utilizing reserves to prevent cuts to basic services, and further analyzing how our state can disconnect from tax giveaways to the ultra-wealthy.

Jazveer Kaler

Thank you.