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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507

"Co-Chairs and members of the committee,

Property taxes are out of control. As a retired person, the yearly increases are 'taxing' my resources. I pay my fair share while corporations avoid taxes using loopholes created just for them. The Big Ugly Bill passed via reconciliation provides enormous tax breaks for large corporations at the expense of localities, states and the middle class. The oligarchs now buying this hugely corrupt Trump administration are destroying our democracy. I'm proud to live in a state that is pushing back against these destructive policies and encourage our state leaders to assure any large corporations doing business in Oregon be taxed to reflect the value of the infrastructure, consumer dollars and value of their local employees. If they leave due to fair taxation, then good riddance. Small business accounts for far more employment than large corporations such as Nike and Intel. Support them and Oregon's shrinking middle class.

As our voice in Salem, we are counting on you to reject some of the most egregious and costly tax breaks for corporations and the wealthy and prevent cuts to public safety, schools, childcare, and other critical services. That begins with voting yes on SB 1507.

SB 1507 helps recoup \$311.6 million in funding for programs Oregonians care about by "disconnecting" Oregon from automatically mirroring some of the most costly tax loopholes in H.R. 1, the disastrous budget bill signed by President Trump.

To be clear, there is more work to do beyond SB 1507. There is still a larger budget gap to close, and balancing the budget by slashing programs Oregonians rely on is the wrong approach. But one thing is certain: passing SB 1507 is a critical first step in addressing the budget crisis created by H.R. 1.

The decision before you and your colleagues this session should be clear: Prioritize protecting Oregon families, not further enriching the ultra-wealthy.

Please vote YES on SB 1507.

Thank you."