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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507

"Co-Chairs and members of the committee,

Tax breaks for the wealthy and major corporations must stop. I am an educator and an artist. I live month to month. As an educator at the University of Oregon I make on average 32,000 a year. I am seeing so many of peers stuck at low paying high demand jobs. Our health care system here in Eugene OR is a disaster, with wait times up to 3 months. Meanwhile, major corporations do not have to pay taxes? Yet, so many leave a litany of toxins in soil and water-the cost of these clean ups are largely covered by us (not the corporations). IT IS INSANE. We must break these economic forms of violence. I would rather not have any major corporations in Oregon, let us create a hyper local creative and sustainable economy. We could become a beacon for this country.

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."