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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Revenue  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507

"Co-Chairs and members of the committee,

I am urging legislators to pass SB1507. The approximately \$311.6 million that would be added to the state budget, comes from sources wealthy enough to pay some extra tax. I live in Eugene, OR. Eugene is already having budget problem that are now impacting residents. For instance, funding for COHOOTS was cancelled, leaving people with mental issues with no compassionate care. Other programs have been eliminated or at least cut back, including our library, teachers and other important city functions. Legislators must prioritize middle and lower income populations rather than the already wealthy! Please vote yes on SB 1507.

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."