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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'm an ATU 757 member. I work for PPS transporting SPED students. Funding short falls are putting the squeeze on everyone from the classrooms to providing breakfast and lunches to students who desperately need these basics. ATU is working out of contract and we deserve and need cost of living raises. With our out of pocket insurance tripling we need a basic cost of living offer at minimum. Some of us are barely making it. DCU and Teachers Union and Para Educators Union and all the other employees at PPS deserve a cost of living raise yearly. The crisis is mighty to be sure. Corporate tax is fair and a viable way to keep our economy stable. They need to pay their fair share so we can all put food on the table. Thank you for listening. Please do the right thing for the people.

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.