



**February 24, 2026**

Senate Committee on Rules  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: SB 1501 – Support

Chair Jama and Members of the Senate Committee on Rules –

My name is Brandon Mullen, and I'm a Portland resident and candidate for Portland City Council in District 3.

While I urge you to support SB 1501, I just as strongly urge you to hold the Portland Trail Blazers accountable for contributing toward the renovation of the Moda Center.

Subsidizing billionaires is bad policy. The state is in a budget crisis that isn't likely to end any time soon. Losing the Portland Trail Blazers would be devastating for the state. And Oregon does not have another venue like the Moda Center.

All of these things can be - and in my view, are - true.

Good faith arguments and discussions can be had on how we balance these truths. My request is that you, as Oregon's elected representatives, take the striking of that balance seriously.

Please make changes to SB 1501 to ensure corporations are paying their fair share, so that Oregon doesn't lose a cultural and economic pillar in the Portland Trail Blazers, and so that we can modernize a statewide entertainment anchor in the Moda Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Mullen". The signature is stylized and cursive.

**Brandon Mullen**

Portland, OR

Candidate for Portland City Council, District 3