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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure: SB1524

Dear Representative Nathanson and Members of the House Revenue Committee,

You may remember me as the ED of Partner's for a Hunger-Free Oregon. Since my retirement in 2016, we moved out of state but are back and I am engaged with both the Human Services Coalition of Oregon and the Revenue Coalition.

I am writing to you with concerns about the Gain Share extension in SB 1524. I was among the advocates who pressed for sunsets on tax credits so their value could be examined every few years. This has been critical in weighing pressing budget needs against incentives for businesses.

Gain Share is not due up for a review until next year, and would get a thorough review at that time, yet this provision in SB 1524 skips ahead and approves the program for six more years.

Because the loss of funds from this provision affects school funding, I believe there should be no rush to pass this without a thorough review.

Please remove this provision from SB 1524 and allow the normal process to take place. We have many pressing needs in this state and need to closely examine how we spend precious state dollars.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this request.

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