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I oppose this change. I am a licensed tax preparer (LTP). I also work for the state of Oregon. My work includes reviewing financial statements for agency's that provide services for people with developmentally disabilities. I do not audit the tax returns, but I do review the tax returns for reconciliation purposes. Many of the tax returns being submitted do not comply with IRS nor DOR regulations. Recently I viewed a tax return prepared by an LTP, where the return was filed late, because the LTP didn't know that they needed to submit to the IRS a change in tax filing status. The tax preparers are filing tax returns by calendar year, not the agency's fiscal year. There are other examples that could be provided. The Federal and State Governments are already losing revenue. I believe making these changes will cause even more revenue lost. The DOR doesn't have the resources to keep up with audits at this time. Making this change will strain the DOR's budget. In other words the state of Oregon will lose income and have to spend more money to ensure that the company's and citizens in Oregon are paying their fair share of taxes. A better solution would be to allow licensed tax professionals to submit errors on tax returns. As I am a seasonal tax preparer, I know that the continuing education classes I take help me keep up with changes that are being made and gives me a refresher of the rules and regulations.