



February 10, 2021

Chair Burdick, Vice-Chair Boquist, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the over 15,000 workers AFT-Oregon represents in our state's universities, community colleges, and K-12 schools, I thank you for the opportunity to share AFT-Oregon's support of SB 312 with the -1 amendment.

We have long advocated for a tax system where everyone pays their fair share, and vital to achieving that goal is ensuring that Oregonians have transparency about the tax avoidance tactics used by large corporations. When these tactics are used by large multi-state corporations, it ultimately means that Oregon has less resources for education, health care, and other public services that benefit our entire state. These are all also vital services that support our workforce and large corporations benefit greatly from despite their tax avoidance efforts.

As amended, SB 312 will shine necessary light on just how much Oregon's small businesses and working families are subsidizing large multi-state corporations through tax breaks and current tax loopholes. The information made available with passage of this bill, will be a powerful tool for our policy makers to evaluate the effectiveness of large corporate tax giveaways in a time where we have unprecedented need for additional public investment in vital services.

Thank you for your consideration of this important piece of legislation. On behalf of AFT-Oregon, and our members across our state, I urge your aye vote on SB 312 with the -1 amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jaime Rodriguez'.

Jaime Rodriguez
AFT-Oregon President