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To: Chair Williams, Vice-Chair Ruiz, Vice-Chair Scharf, Members of the House Committee on Human Services

RE: House Bill 4117 – Support

Chair Williams, Vice Chair Ruiz, Vice Chair Scharf, and Members of the Committee. For the record, my name is William Miller, I am Blackfeet and Cherokee and I represent the NAYA Action Fund located in Portland, OR. Founded by the community, for the community, NAYA Action Fund is a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization with a mission to expand political advocacy and build electoral power in partnership with the Native community. The NAYA Action Fund provides tools to shape public policy, cultivate leadership, and elect champions for issues impacting Native people. Our vision of systemic change is youth centered, family driven, and elder guided. I write in support of House Bill 4117.

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is one of the most effective programs to help those in our community transition from poverty to self-sufficiency. HB 4117 would enable culturally specific and responsive community-based organizations, tribal governments, and tribal communities better assist our clients and communities with critical tax support and navigation resources. If Oregon were to increase the EITC take-up rate from its current 73.1 percent to the national average of 78.6 percent, low-income families would have access to \$27 million in EITC funds and \$5 million in Child Tax Credit (CTC) Funds annually. Those in our community deserve to have the opportunity not only to survive, but to thrive. This bill will work toward that goal.

Increasing access, support, and economic prosperity is vital to our communities thriving. Every Oregon family eligible for these credits deserves access to free tax preparation and navigation resources so they can access these credits. On behalf of the NAYA Action Fund, we urge your support of House Bill 4117.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

William Miller  
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