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Senator Deb Patterson, Co-Chair
Representative Greg Smith, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on General Government
900 Court Street NE
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301-4048

Dear Co-Chairs Patterson and Smith:

Thank you for the opportunity to present information on the Board of Tax Practitioners' budget in your subcommittee on Thursday, February 9th. During our presentation, committee members asked several questions that required further analysis and explanation. Please find those answers and responses below.

- (1) The first question from Co-Chair Patterson was if any of the other states that license tax practitioners require a background check prior to licensure.

I reached out to the other states that require licensure and only California requires a background check. The other states - Connecticut, New York and Maryland - all have a box to check if you have any past, current, or pending criminal charges and then evaluate those on a case-to-case basis. This process is much like the one we use here in Oregon.

- (2) The next question from Representative Walters was regarding average salaries for licensed Preparers and Consultants in Oregon.

I collected the following information:

First year thru 3rd year Preparers - \$17hr - \$20hr

3rd year/Experienced Preparers - \$17hr - \$25hr

Consultants vary depending on location & experience - \$20hr - \$40hr

Please let me know if additional follow-up is needed or additional questions arise.

Sincerely,

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