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I am Kenneth Thrasher and I have worked on Oregon's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) reforms for about five years. With so many federal program cuts proposed to TANF, SNAP, Medicaid, Headstart, AmeriCorps, etc low income families are having compounding pressures placed on them financially. We know the EITC program, both federally and in Oregon, is one of the best ways to help families get out of property. I support extending the Oregon EITC program, but want to advocate to amend SB 120 to not just extend the EITC but include protection from garnishment, the quarterly payment trigger, as well as increasing the percentage as much you can. This is more important than ever. Thank you!