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Chair Broadman, Vice-Chair McLane, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to share my perspective today. I appreciate your time and your consideration.

My name is Adrian Stinson. I am an Enrolled Agent and small business owner, and I am here today in support of the -2 amendment to Senate Bill 1510.

In my career, I see firsthand how Oregon's current treatment of enrolled agents creates unnecessary barriers without meaningful improvement to consumer protection. Enrolled agents are federally licensed by the Internal Revenue Service, subject to comprehensive testing, mandatory continuing education, enforceable ethical standards under Circular 230, and significant penalties, including suspension or revocation of practice rights.

This federal oversight is substantial and ongoing. It is designed specifically for tax preparation and taxpayer representation. Requiring duplicative state licensure and examinations does not meaningfully increase consumer protection, but it does reduce access to qualified professionals.

I live and operate my business in a small town of fewer than 3,000 residents in central Washington. Even in a community that size, I have had to turn away close to one third of potential clients this year solely because they have ties to Oregon. These are individuals and small business owners actively seeking professional help, but current law prevents me from serving them.

The -2 amendment takes a measured and responsible approach. It does not expand the scope of practice for enrolled agents. Instead, it replaces duplicative licensure with state registration, preserves oversight by the Board of Tax Practitioners, and aligns Oregon with national practice. This maintains accountability while reducing unnecessary regulatory issues.

From both a practitioner and small business perspective, this amendment improves access, clarity, and efficiency without creating fiscal impact or weakening consumer protection.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify, and I respectfully urge your support for this amendment.