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Frank M. Broadway's Written Statement

My statements In Support of the Enrolled Agent Parity Proposal in the -2 amendment to SB 1510, before the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee

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Chair Broadman, Vice-Chair McLane, and Members of the Committee:

I am a federally licensed Enrolled Agent who represents Oregon taxpayers. I am writing to ask for your support for the proposed Enrolled Agent Parity amendment in SB1510-2, currently before the Legislature.

Oregon is the only state that requires federally licensed enrolled agents to pass a separate state exam and limits our ability to supervise trained staff. This requirement makes Oregon a national outlier and creates unnecessary barriers that restrict taxpayer access to qualified, affordable tax representation.

This proposal does not eliminate oversight. Enrolled agents would still be required to register with the Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners, preserving consumer protection, accountability, and transparency—without duplicating federal licensure. The proposal also does not expand the scope of practice for enrolled agents; it simply aligns Oregon law with the federal authority EAs already hold and that every other state recognizes.

Current law discourages enrolled agents from practicing in Oregon, which reduces access to specialized tax help—particularly for small businesses, rural taxpayers, seniors, and lower-income filers. The Oregon Department of Revenue has indicated it does not anticipate implementation issues or a significant fiscal impact, as enrolled agents would pay a registration fee.

Because of the current law, I have had to turn away Oregon residents who have contacted me for help.

I respectfully ask for your support of this proposal to improve taxpayer access while maintaining appropriate oversight.

Respectfully,
Frank M. Broadway, EA