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RE: Written Statement in Support of the Enrolled Agent Parity Proposal in the -2 amendment to SB 1510 Before the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee

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

I am a federally licensed Enrolled Agent who represents taxpayers across the nation. I am writing to ask for your EA support of the Enrolled Agent Parity Proposal in the -2 amendment to SB 1510 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 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.

In my twenty-five years of experience working with multiple companies, I have repeatedly witnessed taxpayers being turned away solely because those taxpayers needed assistance with State of Oregon tax matters. We must explain to these individuals that, although we can assist and represent them in connection with their IRS issues, we are currently unable to provide support for their Oregon tax matters. As a result, clients who specifically sought out our company for comprehensive help are left with two undesirable options: either find another professional capable of handling both their federal and Oregon tax issues or proceed with our services for their IRS representation while incurring separate fees from another provider for their Oregon-related needs. Understandably, this has caused frustration among taxpayers.

Throughout my career, I have successfully worked with various states across the country on both business and personal tax matters to help taxpayers meet their obligations. My experience includes securing Installment Agreements, submitting Offers in Compromise, correcting erroneous assessments, handling audits, appeals, and advising clients on basic filing and payment requirements to bring them back into compliance with state tax laws.

The Enrolled Agent credential reflects not only the ability to represent and advise taxpayers, but also the responsibility to thoroughly research and apply the laws and regulations relevant to each taxpayer's unique circumstances. It signifies a commitment to delivering informed, accurate, and ethical guidance in all matters of tax representation.

I respectfully urge your support of this common-sense proposal to improve taxpayer access while maintaining appropriate oversight.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brent L. Solomon". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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