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Thank you for taking the time to read this. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Houston–Downtown, and I've worked in various accounting and tax roles for the past 18 years. In 2020, my career took an unexpected turn when I lost my corporate accounting job during the pandemic. Like many others, I struggled to re-enter the workforce, so I decided to build something of my own.

I started a bookkeeping and tax practice to support the many small businesses that were launching or trying to stay afloat during that time. I quickly gained clients and discovered a genuine passion for this work. With my accounting background and the growing needs of my clients, I decided to pursue my Enrolled Agent license because it allows me to bring the highest level of value in the tax field.

Since then, I've served clients across the country. Thanks to technology, I can work with anyone, anywhere. I'm based in Texas and have no plans to move to Oregon or any other state. Becoming an EA has strengthened my credibility and expanded my ability to serve taxpayers in all 50 states.

While I haven't yet had a client from Oregon, it would be incredibly disappointing to turn someone away solely because the state does not acknowledge a federally regulated license. If you were in my position, I'm sure you would feel the same frustration and helplessness.

Most of my clients come through referrals, and they choose to work with me because they trust my expertise and professionalism. I sincerely hope you will consider recognizing Enrolled Agents in Oregon, just as every other state does. Doing so would support both taxpayers and qualified professionals who are committed to serving them with integrity.