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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR201

I am a constituent from Portland, Oregon and I respectfully submit this written testimony in opposition to SJR 201.

At a time when Oregon families are facing persistent inflation, rising housing costs, and increased utility and insurance expenses, SJR 201 would remove meaningful tax relief that many households rely on. According to recent economic data, Oregon continues to rank among the states with a relatively high overall tax burden. For working families, even modest increases in tax liability can significantly impact household budgets, savings, and financial stability.

Tax relief mechanisms are especially important during periods of economic uncertainty. Returning surplus revenue to taxpayers provides direct, immediate support and allows families to address essential costs such as housing, childcare, food, and healthcare. Eliminating or restricting that relief shifts financial flexibility away from residents at a time when affordability remains a top concern across the state.

I urge you to oppose SJR 201 and protect the Kicker refund that Oregon households depend on.

Thank you for your consideration.