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Oregon House Revenue Committee

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice Chair Reschke, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Richard C. Ponce, and I am a federally licensed Enrolled Agent who practices in Oregon. I am writing to respectfully urge your support for SB 1510-A (SB 1510 as amended by the Senate.)

Enrolled Agents (EAs) are licensed and regulated by the Internal Revenue Service under Circular 230 and are authorized to represent taxpayers before the IRS in all tax matters. We are subject to federal testing, background checks, continuing education requirements, and professional discipline at the federal level.

Oregon is currently the only state in the country that requires federally licensed EAs to pass an additional state exam and restricts our ability to supervise trained staff. These duplicative requirements do not enhance consumer protection, but they do limit access to qualified tax professionals – particularly in rural and underserved areas.

SB 1510A strikes a reasonable balance. It:

- Allows EAs to rely on their existing federal credential;
- Requires registration with the Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners for state-level oversight;
- Maintains consumer protections; and
- Has no fiscal impact on the state.

This proposal does not remove oversight. It simply recognizes an existing federal license and eliminates unnecessary duplication that discourages qualified practitioners from serving Oregon taxpayers.

SB 1510A is a measured solution that protects consumers, improves access to services, and removes regulatory duplication. I respectfully ask for your support.

Thank you for your time and your service.

Sincerely,

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