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

My name is Jayme Gallenson and I am a Federally licensed Enrolled Agent who lives and 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 enrolled agents 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 enrolled agents to rely on their existing federal credential.
- Requires registration with the Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners for state level oversight.
- Maintains consumer protection; 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.

I have been an Enrolled agent for over 30 years serving clients in primarily California with clients in numerous other states and abroad. I relocated to Oregon 5 years ago and have had to turn away numerous requests from taxpayers in my area to provide competent tax service. I have sat on the California Society of Enrolled agents as a director, maintain a membership with Oregon Society of Enrolled agents and for over 25 years served as chair of the IRS SBSE stakeholder Liaison board in the San Francisco area, and am one of the few tax professionals to receive a certificate of appreciation for my work interfacing tax professionals with their tax agency counterparts. In California I routinely provided pro bono service to needy individuals, something I cannot do in Oregon.

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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