

## Norman M. Golden, EA

An Enrolled Agent licensed to practice before the Internal Revenue Service

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

My name is Norman M. Golden, and I am a federally licensed Enrolled Agent who lives and practices in California. I am writing to respectfully urge your support for SB 1510-A (SB 1510 as amended by the Senate).

Enrolled Agents 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 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 protections; and
- Has no fiscal impact on the state.

SB 1510A does not remove oversight; it is a measured solution that protects consumers, improves access to services, and removes regulatory duplication. It simply recognizes an existing federal license and eliminates unnecessary duplication that discourages practitioners from serving Oregon taxpayers.

I do not advertise or actively seek residents of Oregon to be clients. However, I do have a small number of clients, who moved from California to Oregon and wanted to remain my clients.

I respectfully ask for your support. Thank you for your time and your service.

Sincerely,



Norman M. Golden