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House Revenue Committee  
State Legislature  
Salem, OR

***Re: Opposition to SB 1511-A***

Dear Committee members:

Recently Gov. Kotek created a Prosperity Council. She understands that in order for Oregon to be a prosperous state, we need institutional structures that reward hard work, savings, and the entrepreneurial spirit.

Oregon's estate tax does the opposite. It gives successful people one more reason to move to another state.

Moreover, people who have enough assets to be affected by the tax also have other attributes that are valuable. They are volunteers for service organizations, reading tutors in schools, and donors to charitable causes.

We have thousands of people like this in the state and we could use thousands more. But Oregon legislators have preferred to chase them away with a punitive tax.

This is self-defeating. We can't tax ourselves to a better future.

Sincerely,



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