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I fully support all aspects of the bill. It should move forward.

Unique feedback not raised by any other correspondence:

I have been a practicing tax professional since 1982 and an Enrolled Agent preparing Oregon tax returns since 2006 in Beaverton. I find the current law restrictive in my ability to serve taxpayers. CPA's and Lawyers are not restricted in regard to who is specifically permitted to have direct communication with a taxpayer during tax return preparation. This limits the firm who is qualified by an LTC/Enrolled Agent to only permit licensed staff to have direct communication with taxpayers. This requirement places an undo restriction on the firm that is not imposed on others also preparing Oregon tax returns.

Bill SB 1510 levels the field among firms preparing tax returns in Oregon.

Unlicensed staff are not permitted to sign tax returns and will need to have their work reviewed by a licensed professional who is ultimately responsible for the content of the tax return.