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My husband and I moved to Oregon many years ago from another state, where we were working for the IRS, transferring to the IRS office in Portland, OR. At that time, and even now, most of the other 49 states do not have state licensing requirements on anyone wishing to prepare taxes, although there are Enrolled agents in all of the other states. Soon after moving to Oregon, we learned that the quality and accuracy of returns coming from preparers in Oregon were superior to those returns coming from any other state. I believe this trend has continued today, and I also understand that the IRS has often looked to Oregon's licensing laws on preparers as a model that could be used in attempting to raise the bar, so to speak, for the nation as a whole. I therefore have to question the judgement that is driving the passage of this bill..