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Senator Ann Rest  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Capitol, Room 328  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Senator Rest and Members of the Senate Taxes Committee:

We Make Minnesota is a coalition of labor and community groups united in support of a just and equitable state tax code. Our members include the teachers, care workers, administrators, and laborers that keep our state running. We are writing in support of Senate File 4750 because it will increase trust in our tax system and help state lawmakers create a stronger and fairer tax code that benefits all Minnesota workers, communities, and businesses.

In recent polling, Pew Research found that more than 80% of Americans do not trust that large corporations are paying their fair share of taxes. This distrust is well warranted given recent trends in corporate taxation. The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act lowered the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%, and the resulting revenue increase that was theorized at the time never materialized. Data from the Office of Management and Budget shows that corporate profits have risen to historic levels, while revenues from the federal corporate income tax have fallen substantially. These patterns should be of concern for anyone who believes that corporations have a role to play in funding the public goods and services — such as roads, schools, hospitals, and basic utilities — on which a strong society depends.

In the face of growing wealth inequality and declining corporate income tax revenue, our coalition is proud that Minnesota has maintained its commitment to fair and adequate taxation of large corporations and the wealthy. We believe that SF 4750 represents an important and reasonable step towards maintaining that commitment. It requires no additional administrative burden on businesses and it will provide valuable information to policymakers by revealing where and how our current tax policies benefit certain firms or industries over others. That would be good for business and good for Minnesota at large.

Thank you for your leadership in hearing this proposal and we hope you will consider supporting its passage into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric H. Bernstein".

Eric Harris Bernstein  
Coalition Director

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