Senator Nicole Grohoski, Representative Joe Perry and members of the Taxation Committee,

My name is Rajel Hippler and I am a mom of 2 in Oakland. I am testifying in favor of LD1544, a bill that would really help low income families to create a more solid future for their families. Have you EVER lived in poverty? Have you ever tried to stretch a few dollars in a day? I know many of the people in my support system live below poverty level. How awful is that? How can we continue to allow this to happen - kids growing up in poverty? According to the Kids Count Data Center, in 2021 13.8% of families lived below poverty level. To me, that right there is ridiculous. What can you do with this bill to make our children's lives better? Vote yes on LD1544. Support the Child Tax Credit. Support a stronger future.

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