



To: Oregon Legislators

My name is Nancy Eichsteadt. I live in Gladstone and I work at Portland State University, and I care deeply about Education in Oregon. I'm very concerned that because corporations pay so little in taxes in Oregon, we are going to have to make hurtful cuts to K-12 and higher education.

Did you know:

- Every Oregon university campus now operates a food bank for students?
- Not only are students experiencing hunger, but staff need these resources too?
- PSU who work part-time, and receive financial aid, are still able to make ends meet?
- Students will be in their 50s before they pay off student loans – if they are lucky?

I hope you will put all Oregon students first. The bill you are considering is a positive development and I support it, but families like mine deserve far more and I am truly concerned about what my eight grandkids will face when they finally get to college.

I am counting on the legislature to pass a corporate tax increase that will make a meaningful difference in our state and take the pressure off our extraordinary property and income taxes. We need a significant change in how we fund Oregon's commitments.

For my family and my students, further cuts to education would be devastating. It would mean a significant delay to my retirement after 32 years of working in education.

We can't keep piecing together budgets like this. We need a revenue package that is significant and reverses decades of disinvestment in our schools and services. I'm urging you not just to raise new revenue, but to raise **game-changing** revenue that makes a significant difference.

We are counting on you to be the leaders we think you are. Thank you for your time.

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