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Cc: [Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer](#); [Sen Dembrow](#)
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Dear Senate Revenue Committee:

I am quite concerned about the effectiveness of state programs that I believe would benefit from additional financial resources. Our Child Welfare system is woefully inadequate. It is generally accepted that a lack of staff, the inability to recruit and train a sufficient number of foster parents, and the lack of residential programs contribute to the serious shortcomings we read about in the newspaper. We are talking about extremely vulnerable children who deserve compassion and care, not over worked case managers with nowhere to place the children. Furthermore, we have heard for years that our schools are underfunded, which makes it more difficult to properly support students on their path to graduation.

More money in state coffers would go a long way towards addressing these problems. It might be easier to recruit foster parents if they were paid more. Smaller class sizes or a longer school year would enhance educational opportunities.

One way to increase revenue is to not extend the business owners' federal tax break to Oregon taxes. This action alone would save \$400 million per biennium. You should also consider eliminating the Oregon tax break on business income as well, for a savings of \$200 million.

We have so many unmet needs in this state and the business sector is not paying its fair share. Now is the time to give them the opportunity to contribute more to the success of our vulnerable children and students.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

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