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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Measure: SB5506

Dear Co-chair Steiner, Co-chair Sanchez and members of the Committee,

Our budget must reflect the reality of our climate emergency. Please fully fund all agency budgets for the implementation of former Governor Brown's Climate Action Plan (aka Executive Order 20-04). Further, make sure that any and all subsidies for fossil fuel operations, industrial timber and industrial agriculture are eliminated from the budget.

The budget must also address building emissions and health by funding the building resilience package. The Healthy Heating and Cooling for All bill (SB 868) is particularly vital at this time to electrify homes and develop our workforce for a clean building future.

The Stable Homes Homelessness Prevention Package and Rent Assistance Budget Resources must be a priority. Keeping people in their current home is the most just and cost-effective solution in our efforts to address our homelessness crisis.

Childcare is far too costly and in limited supply. The budget must include the Early Childhood Infrastructure Fund and Child Care Access and Affordability measures, which will enable parents to work thereby bolstering Oregon's workforce.

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