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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means  
Measure: SB5506

Dear Members of the Joint Ways & Means Committee,

I urge you to prioritize investments in community resilience. Currently, key investments outlined in the People's Budget to support environmental and economic resilience are not adequately funded under the Co-Chairs' Budget Framework. Legislators must make these investments now, rather than channeling even more revenue into our already strong and healthy rainy day fund.

I urge you to prioritize a strategic climate budget that includes:

- Building and strengthening community efforts to prepare for and recover from climate disasters through Community Resilience Hubs (House Bill 2990).
- Secures a clean-energy future through the Resilient, Efficient Buildings Package (Senate Bills 868, 869, 870, and 871).

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of a strong, strategic, and resilience-focused 2023-25 biennium budget.