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I came to yesterday's hearing but did not get a chance to speak. I work at the Oregon Department of Human services administer and processing applications for the Self-Sufficiency programs -TANF, SNAP Daycare and the Medical programs both OHP and APD. What I want to express to you is all the fear and confusion I am hearing right now from both my fellow workers and the people we serve. I think that is intentional on the part of the Federal Executive Branch. They want us to be so traumatized we give up.

Many people in this hearing asked you to not preemptively cut services to Oregonians. Don't respond to economic fear of Trump/Musk's actions. I am asking for more. We need to show all Oregonians that good government does what it can to support people to be Self-Sufficient and strong. Right now State workers around the state are stressed, over worked and feeling undervalued. State workers need reasonable work load and cost of living raises. We are losing trained workers because of the stress and the inability to fully support their families. This only adds to the work load and stress. We cannot do our best to service our fellow Oregonians in the time of need when we too are this stressed. Show State workers we are cared for and important so we can show all Oregonian the same. We need to stand together as Oregonians to show what good governance is and what it does to support all of us.