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Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, and members of the committee,

When my kids were in Oregon schools in the early 2000s, Intel and Nike were getting tax breaks. So much so, that these multi-million dollar corporations paid no taxes! Meanwhile, the middle class' property taxes were continuously increasing, and we had no rainy day fund for the 'lean' years, when Intel and Nike laid off employees and the property tax base flex the state for greener pastures! Fast forward 20 years later, and, it's no wonder that OR has some of the lowest test scores in the nation. C'mon, OR, we can do better! We have to!

Please Protect Oregon Now by prioritizing investments in our families and communities.

As you build the state budget, I hope you will reject any new Oregon tax breaks for corporations or the ultra-wealthy. Actions in DC are creating harm and uncertainty but in Oregon we need to invest in opportunities for working families. Oregonians need well funded schools, health plans, good paying jobs, and other critical services.

Please prioritize a state budget which protects Oregonians rather than adding to the harm.

Thank you,
Kathy Cvetko