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

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.

Actions from the White House are benefiting billionaires while causing chaos, job losses, higher prices, and economic instability for everyday people. The Trump administration's tariffs on imported goods have changed my spending habits drastically. I put my plans for a second bathroom, landscaping upgrades, purchasing an EV, and travel on hold. I fear for our economy and democracy, and my family's financial security. My mother might lose her Social Security checks and house, and my daughter is hesitant to take out school debt, fearing unemployment in the healthcare field. Oregon lawmakers must protect Oregonians and invest in our communities to mitigate this chaos.

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

Thank you,
Pilar Velez