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

The resources that have been available to me as a single mother are invaluable. My son and I wouldn't be able to afford healthcare. We lost our housing a few months ago after my Oregon paid leave ended, and have struggled to make end meets since then. I have recently enrolled in school to try to create a better future for us. I will need those resources now more than ever to help get through this tough time while my son is little and needs my constant care. Thank you for fighting for Oregonians like us!

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,
Kendall Smith