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

I retired in 2024. Since then, I have been substituting as a teaching assistant in Canby Public Schools. I witness teachers and administrators work well beyond expectations to make a positive and productive difference in students lives. We MUST get funds and resources into the class rooms at all levels. It is doable and will enable us to reach lofting goals. There are many things that we investing. Investing in the public schools will make a difference locally and nationally and possibly beyond. Public schools will bring real ROI. I see it!

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,  
Jerry Moss