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On Behalf Of: Reject Tax Cuts for the Wealthy and Corporations
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

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

Please prioritize protection for migrants, Trans and Queer people, people of color, Indigenous people, the working poor, the houseless, the mentally ill and the addicted. Protect universities and public education. Protect our constitutional rights. I am a mental health therapist and every day I hear from people who are scared of losing their rights to be who they are, to love whom they love, losing their jobs, their grant funding, and some are terrified of being locked up, sent to camps and even losing their lives for being who they are. I run out of things to say to help them cope with a reality that I too fear. Help us all feel safe again.

As you build the state budget, we call on you to reject any new Oregon tax breaks for corporations or the ultra-wealthy, and to invest in Oregon families.

While uncertainty exists at a federal level, Oregon has reserves. I urge you to prepare for any coming economic downturn or federal funding reductions by doing what we know works to keep families stable: strategically investing in our communities and giving Oregonians more opportunities to thrive, and not handing new tax cuts to corporations and the wealthy.

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

Thank you