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

Billionaires are destroying our country. I count on Oregon to never give them any tax breaks. As the economy is in free-fall, and people are losing their jobs from DOGE, we need to hang on to every cent we have and add more to do anything we can. I'm losing money from my retirement account right when I need it. I'm worried sick about the climate crisis and the undoing of 20 years of progress nationally in three months. My livelihood as a natural history writer is in a tailspin with all the assaults on public lands, old-growth forests, and the gutting of federal environmental laws. I live in a fireprone wildland urban interface and fear the coming fire season with lack of firefighters and the gutting of FEMA. Oregon has to step up big time. Let's lead the way. Tax the rich. Reinvest in a green, clean, healthy Oregon. Thank you.

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,

Marina Richie