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On Behalf Of: A state budget to protect Oregonians
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Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, and members of the committee,

It is crucial that you prioritize protecting Oregonians and our immediate needs in your state budget. Actions from the White House and Republicans in Congress are enriching billionaires but creating real harm, job losses, higher prices, and economic instability for everyday people.

Oregonians are counting on you to protect us by holding steady.

As you build the state budget, 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.

Please prioritize a state budget which protects Oregonians.

Almost a year ago my right lower leg was amputated. Not being able to drive, I realized that State Hwy. 38 has no public transportation. Thanks to good neighbors and friends, it was possible to get to medical, legal, food shopping, and other appointments. This totaled almost 3 thousand miles. Douglas County has minimal interest, it seems, in the well-being of residents along this road.

Thank you,