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

As someone reliant on Medicaid and SNAP, with family and friends on Medicaid, Medicare, SNAP, TANF, and similar programs, I'm really concerned about possible federal funding cuts to these programs and others. I'm also concerned about my sister's children receiving adequate education from Oregon's public school system. Please consider the likelihood of losing federal funding to these programs as you decide on Oregon's budget. 70% of Oregon's funding for Medicaid comes from federal dollars. What happens to our healthcare when we stop receiving that funding? How will Oregon continue to provide life-saving care to millions of its residents with less than a third of the funding we currently rely on? We need corporations and the wealthy to pay their fair share of taxes (without harming small businesses or making it more difficult to start a business) in order to cover the gaps in funding that will inevitably occur because of the decisions made by the current federal administration.

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,  
Shea Dalziel