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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 appears to me that the federal government will do quite enough to make sure that the rich get richer, at the expense of everyone else. Here at the state level we need to help every day working Oregonians, seniors, the poor and everyone who will struggle to live because of Republican and MAGA policies. If firing thousands of people and ending vital programs is saving so much money, then why did Trump need to raise the debt limit by Trillions of Dollars to make sure Billionaires get a nice raise, while the rest of us struggle to contend with rising prices on the things we need to live?

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,  
Roger Kofler