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On Behalf Of: Invest In Oregon Families
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Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, and members of the committee,

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.

I am moderately wealthy and live on my dividend income. I feel ashamed that I am given special breaks as a wealthy person, and we do not support persons with limited income any better than we do. The wealth gap in this country has grown devastatingly large since the late 1970's: five decades. I believe this is responsible for the chaos of right-wing hatred and conspiracy peddling. Remember why WWII started? The French Revolution? Populations left behind, gone crazy. I recently saw a graphic comparing the wealth disparity in this country with that in pre-revolution France. Ours is worse. I do not find 'America' is exceptional in our world. I find it sets a bad example for the rest of the world. Enough with Republican madness, especially now.

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

Thank you,
Henry Day