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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,

Oregonians need equal access to enriching environments and resources, where folks of all socioeconomic backgrounds can spend time together (and nature as well should be included in these spaces, for our mental well being).

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,
Sarah Watson