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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,

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.

The Coast is especially vulnerable to disruptions in the social safety net, being mostly rural and having a disproportionately aged demographic. Don't let them turn our coastal communities into golf courses. And, certainly don't give them tax breaks!

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

Thank you,
Marie Richie