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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 an elementary public school teacher for over 30 years, I witnessed many families struggling financially in their day-to-day lives--homeless, transient, without proper food, etc. Please DO NOT hand new tax cuts to corporations and the wealthy in the State of Oregon. Please reject any new Oregon tax breaks for corporations or the ultra-wealthy and invest in Oregon families.

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,  
Jan Mills, PhD