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Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, and members of the committee,

It is crucial that you prioritize protecting Oregonians and our immediate needs in your state budget. Actions from the White House and Republicans in Congress are enriching billionaires but creating real harm, job losses, higher prices, and economic instability for everyday people.

Oregonians are counting on you to protect us by holding steady.

As you build the state budget, 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.

Please prioritize a state budget which protects Oregonians.

I am a 68 year old Native Oregonian, small business owner for 34 years here in Eugene. What I and EVERYONE I know wants is to see that we the people NEVER pay a dime more in taxes than the corporations do. We don't care who they are, Nike or one of the 1000's of others who aren't even Oregon based, they ALL need to pay a fair, appropriately appraised tax on their business based on income just like everyone else does. NO special interests and No exceptions. We believe that if they aren't incentivized to operate in our State, by anything other than tax breaks, they can just take a walk and leave that market to Oregonians. What monies we do have will need to be watched like a hawk. NO Bold new ideas. No New Buildings, we may have to pt a hold on some of the infrastructure plans until we can kick these miserable bastards out of the white house. We need to focus on the children and Seniors, the most vulnerable cannot be just left on the roadside. 4 years seems like an eternity when it is like this. But we are strong, resilient and stubborn people here in Oregon and we will be damned before we let that prick win.

Thank you,

Connie Ehrlich