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On Behalf Of: Invest In Oregon Families
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

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

My child is already suffering cuts at the hands of a superintendent who cuts services to IDEA funded items first, almost always. Now there's half a principle for his entire program. Half of one administrative staff member to cover his entire class of students who need alternative assistance and means of learning. I am scared for people who have children further from graduation. I am worried for lower income kids like my own who will need college funding. Please consider the families and children with disabilities when making this budget. Please allocate specific funds to their needs. We need Oregon to come through for us where the Federal government has abandoned us.

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.

Thank you,