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On Behalf Of: Invest In Oregon Families
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

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

Since second grade I was told government existed to provide for the welfare of the populous. I think Oregon's done a pretty good (not perfect) job of that and I urge you to resist the extremism now playing across our country. Fund education and build a stronger, more knowledgeable Oregon where people know how to think.

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,