

Submitter: Susan Dirks  
On Behalf Of: Reject Tax Cuts for the Wealthy and Corporations  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

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

As the Chair of the volunteer Board of Directors of Yamhill County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), I urge you to include strong support for our state organization, Oregon CASA Network, and other programs that work to support abused and neglected children in our communities. These kids are innocent victims of many of our social ills (houselessness, substance abuse, unemployment, etc). CASA volunteers work hard to mitigate the effects on these children, and our organization needs financial resources to continue to recruit, train and support these admirable community members. Thank you.

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,