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

I am especially concerned about SSI, SSDI and Medicaid. My son, now 60 years old, is dependent upon these programs for housing, daily care, and health services. He is deaf and autistic. He lives in a small group home and attends a day program. He has a good life. I am 82 and not sure how I can protect my son from a totally ruined life, but you can. Thank you for protecting those who cannot protect themselves.

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,