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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,

It is terribly sad that schools continue to be underfunded and staff lost to budget problems. As a retired teacher I lived 30 years of the threats of cuts and the cuts, and the fact it's still a problem is beyond comprehension. Let's get this figured out once and for all. Children are our future so invest in them!

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,