

Submitter: Veronica Rosas  
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,

My name is Veronica Rosas, and I'm an Oregonian working in youth workforce development. I'm writing to urge you to prioritize meaningful investments in our communities—not more tax breaks for corporations and the ultra-wealthy. Every day, I see how access to workforce development opportunities transforms lives. When young people—especially those from rural areas, low-income households, and historically underrepresented communities—are given support, training, and paid work experience, they gain confidence, skills, and direction. These investments lead to long-term employment, career growth, and stronger local economies. Programs that provide job readiness training, paid internships, and connections to in-demand industries are not “extras”—they are essential. They help us build a workforce that is prepared, diverse, and rooted in Oregon. If we underfund these programs, we miss out on the talents and potential of an entire generation. Please continue to stand up for working families and our future by: -Protecting funding for workforce development and youth employment programs, -Investing in education, housing, and mental health services that support stability, and -Rejecting tax breaks that benefit only the wealthiest, while everyday Oregonians continue to struggle. We have a real chance to build something better—let's not miss it. Sincerely, Veronica Rosas

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,