

Submitter: Kim McCarty  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

Co-Chair Lieber, Co-Chair Sanchez, and Members of the Committee,

I urge you to focus on protecting Oregonians and our immediate needs in your state budget.

As a tenant advocate, I can tell you that Oregonians are facing rising job losses, increasing housing prices, higher prices, and growing economic instability. In these challenging times, we need you to protect our interests by staying steady. As you craft the state budget, we urge you to prepare for any potential economic downturns or reductions in federal funding by making targeted investments in our communities. We need a comprehensive approach. These investments must include funding:

- Food for All Oregonians, SB 611, \$7.7M
- Farmworker Disaster Relief, HB 3193 \$10M
- Behavioral Health Workers, HB 2024, 2203, \$45M+
- Home and Community Based Care standards boards, HB 3838
- Farmworker standards boards, HB 2548
- Indigenous Language Justice, HB 2976, \$1.5M and
- Rental Assistance, \$173.2M

These investments would center impacted communities in Oregon and uplift those most in need of support.

By doing so, you will create more opportunities for Oregonians to thrive, keeping families stable and building a stronger, more resilient state.

I urge you to pass a state budget that prioritizes the needs of all Oregonians.

Sincerely,  
Kim McCarty  
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