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Hello,

As an Oregonian and teacher in Portland Public Schools, I am writing to tell you to oppose passing SB 1049 because it is an unfair attack on middle class families in Oregon. A recent Oregon Center for Public Policy study showed that in 2016, the 1% took home \$18.6 billion in one year. This is more than the bottom 50% of Oregonians combined.

By asking middle class educators to take a pay cut to their IAPs, you are essentially reinforcing economic income and wealth inequality and forcing educators to pay for the budget crisis. Oregon already has one of the most favorable Tax structures for corporations.

The Oregon Center for Public Policy called income and wealth inequality arguably Oregon's greatest challenge and SB 1049 only makes this worse, while those with the economic means to solve it (the 1% and corporation), continue to skate and extract more wealth from people who are in the middle. This can not happen.

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