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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Measure: SB5506

Dear Joint Ways & Means Committee of Oregon,

I urge you to invest in our communities now instead of putting more money into reserves.

The Budget Framework currently leaves out critical community-centered investments and policies that Oregonians need now. With historic levels saved—over \$2 billion—we have the means to rise to the challenges of the day.

Human beings living on the streets for years at a time isn't enough motivation to too many of you to vote to benefit Americans and fellow Oregonians?!

The health challenges alone this on-going epidemic represents is not only heartless exposure for ALL Oregonians, it's ruthless subjectivity to the biggest lack of problem-solving in the "richest, freest country in the world"!

We need balanced fiscal prudence without stingy-ness. Create a balanced budget FOR all Oregonians.

Oregon families cannot wait any longer for investments in our communities and in the future of our state. We must prepare now for any future economic downturn by investing in what gives our communities the opportunity to thrive and reduce demand for services in the future.

Sincerely,
KB W