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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.

Oregonians urgently need investments in...

health care coverage,

increase housing stability

access to behavioral health services

Legislative investments in what families need to thrive:

childcare, fair wages, lower utility bills, homeless support

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,  
James Jacobson