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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means  
Measure: SB5506

Dear Members of the Joint Ways & Means Committee,

I am writing to urge you to prioritize a state budget that includes the full amount requested by Gov. Kotek, and which includes the following items

- Building and strengthening community efforts to prepare for and recover from climate disasters through Community Resilience Hubs (House Bill 2990).
- Securing a clean-energy future through the Resilient, Efficient Buildings Package (Senate Bills 868, 869, 870, and 871).

Oregon currently has historic levels of rainy day funds - over \$2 billion. Lawmakers must use our tax revenues right now, instead of further adding to reserves. Making investments now will create more resilient and financially stable communities for the long term. Many Oregonians are still on the pathway to recovery after multiple crises, and we cannot leave them behind.

Please support a strong, strategic, and resilience-focused 2023-25 biennium budget.

Thank you for your attention.  
Daniel Jaffee