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On Behalf Of: Invest in Oregonians
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Dear Oregon law makers, I live on the Oregon coast. I fear the Federal cuts to the Forest Service, the Parks Departments and the loss of money for trail crews. These organizations were already in distress due to cuts. Who is going to fight our forest fires, manage our parks and trails, and clean up after illegal dumping? The cuts to NOAA are terrifying. Financial livelihoods as well as LIVES are at stake. And then there are the cuts to our VA, and the threats of cuts to Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security that cloud our future. State funds are not going to be able to make up these massive cuts. Thank you for being willing to take on these challenges. Sincere thanks for taking on these tough jobs. You have my prayers. Patricia Armstrong p.s. Please stand firm on protecting immigrants in our state.

I am asking you to focus on our immediate needs in your state budget. Protect Oregon Now by prioritizing investments in our families and communities.

Actions from the White House and GOP Congress are enriching billionaires but creating real harm in our state: job losses, higher prices, and economic instability for everyday people. Oregonians need you to protect us by holding steady.

As you build the state budget, we call on you to reject any new Oregon tax breaks for corporations or the ultra-wealthy. Please continue to hold the line against cuts to the most critical basic services Oregonians all rely on, even as unelected Billionaires like Elon Musk threaten them from DC. Should the worst happen in the future, Oregon has reserves, but we should cross that bridge when we come to it.

I also urge you to prepare for any coming economic downturn or federal funding reductions by doing what we know works to keep families stable: strategically investing in our communities and giving Oregonians more opportunities to thrive.

Please prioritize a state budget which protects Oregonians.

Thank you,

Patricia Armstrong