

Submitter: Matt Smith
On Behalf Of: Reject Tax Cuts for the Wealthy and Corporations
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, and members of the committee,

As a hospice chaplain, Medicaid is the only source of housing funding for many of my lesser able patients. Cutting \$800 billion in Medicaid will effectively move these people onto the streets. These are people who cannot walk and cannot feed themselves. This is an inhumane way to live and die.

As you build the state budget, we call on you to reject any new Oregon tax breaks for corporations or the ultra-wealthy, and to invest in Oregon families.

While uncertainty exists at a federal level, Oregon has reserves. I 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, and not handing new tax cuts to corporations and the wealthy.

Please prioritize a state budget which protects Oregonians rather than adding to the chaos.

Thank you,

Matt Smith