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

I am a veteran of Vietnam, retired, and an avid volunteer for multiple nature organizations. I see the concern in the governmental personnel I work with. I believe this country is better served when the U.S. government works to supply a healthy environment for all of us. The current leadership does not encourage the people to give of themselves for the benefit of us all. Instead they instill fear, division, and anarchy. I encourage our legislative group to work on the behalf of the people of the United States, not the corrupt group of people in power today.

Please Protect Oregon Now by prioritizing investments in our families and communities.

As you build the state budget, I hope you will reject any new Oregon tax breaks for corporations or the ultra-wealthy. Actions in DC are creating harm and uncertainty but in Oregon we need to invest in opportunities for working families. Oregonians need well funded schools, health plans, good paying jobs, and other critical services.

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

Thank you,

Patrick Allaire