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On Behalf Of: Invest In Oregon Families

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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

I import unique garden tools made of steel from England, for 10 successful years. The are well known and well made. A 25% tariff on steel is the end of my business. In recent years I've already cut into profits with lower prices due to many Chinese counterfeit products in the US. I cannot continue my business.

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.