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On Behalf Of: A state budget to protect Oregonians

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

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

I am a man of color and believed in the American Dream. The way things are going in Washington DC it looks like, not all men were created equal but some who were born to wealth deserve more than those of us who have had to work for what we get. Please help me to maintain my faith and don't follow the norm and super enfranchise the wealthy. Help us rebuild a nation for all.

It is crucial that you prioritize protecting Oregonians and our immediate needs in your state budget. Actions from the White House and Republicans in Congress are enriching billionaires but creating real harm, job losses, higher prices, and economic instability for everyday people.

Oregonians are counting on you to protect us by holding steady.

As you build the state budget, 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.

Please prioritize a state budget which protects Oregonians.

Thank you,