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On Behalf Of:	Invest In Oregon Families
Committee:	Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure, Appointment or Topic:	HB5006

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

In my 81 years I never thought I would see the attempts of a President to destroy our country or a GOP that would stand aside and abet the President in this effort. Our state can only try to protect us a best it can. It is essential you make this effort even though the future is so uncertain.

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, Al Beltram