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On Behalf Of: Protect Oregon Now

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

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

We need to protect our resources as Oregonians, and not sell them off to the highest bidder! That means our forests, our beaches, our mountains, our water. Climate change and the degradation of our natural resources makes me incredibly anxious and sad, and I know I am not alone here. Please do what's right for now and for the future.

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, Petra Guernsey