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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,

I am deeply distressed by attacks on the rule of law, public lands, and our economy. I volunteer for PCTA and TKO helping to maintain trails, and I still take seriously the oath I swore in 1966 to uphold and defend the constitution. Our country and our state are for everyone, not just the ultra-rich and privileged!

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,

David Ritchie