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

The lack of resources for our children and families, including most importantly, Head Start and our public school system, is leaving children and families behind in an ever-changing world. We need to be an opportunity economy and equip our children and youth for success in their futures. It takes money. The rich and powerful want a 'working class' and a 'lower class' to use as scapegoats. I imagine a system where everyone has an opportunity to learn life skills, trades, etc. to empower themselves to live a fulfilling life with dignity. We need to tax the rich for the betterment of all.

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,