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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

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

As an addictions counselor, I know very well that the social safety net is a literal matter of life and death. Please consider the vulnerable among us when crafting the budget for the next few years and consider what we can do to keep our citizens safe, so in good times we are able to get them on their feet faster and help them reach a point of self-sufficiency. Thank you.

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.