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I am a current employee of Northwest Regional Outdoor Science School and a community member of Camp Magruder, a host camp site for Outdoor School. The budget cuts to Outdoor School threaten my employment and the employment of several other community members that are involved with Outdoor School, especially their host camp sites. This risks the livelihood of several dozens of voting Oregonians that are enabled by Outdoor School's programs that allow their hosting sites to operate during seasons outside of summer. Outdoor School's economic symbiosis makes it possible for young people such as myself to be enabled to continue living in Oregon due to the residential work that camp settings provide.

I, myself, have only had the opportunity to move and live here in Oregon due to residential work that it enables. Each year, summer camps allow this opportunity for so many in their early twenties who are either first moving from home or working to afford school and transitioning to paying rent in their respective towns. This stepping stone into early adult life is crucial for living in the United States as a low income individual. It is also crucial to the economies of towns that are nearby the camps in question, by hosting large staff that become active members in the communities with their patronage and culture. This is a huge benefit relative to the **mere \$6 million restoration compared to the \$1.6+ billion that comes from the Oregon Lottery Funding (a very important context as well).**

My experience renting in Oregon was very difficult with my two bedroom apartment at one point working seven different jobs in Eugene. Passing this bill works toward a solution to this problem that affects so many young voting Oregonians and helps enable economies that are in need at a very small cost relative to the Oregon Lottery Funding. Thank you for your consideration.