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EMO calls on Oregon's elected leaders to create an equitable system of taxation that adequately funds a strong safety-net

We believe that a healthy society provides for the well-being of all, particularly the poor, the young, the old and those who are ill. The common good is dependent upon a strong, well-funded safety-net and an ongoing commitment to human dignity.

Sadly, Oregon's education system, anti-poverty and hunger programs, and many other government services are not meeting the needs of Oregonians, particularly those living in poverty. Meanwhile, Oregon has the lowest corporate taxes in the country.

The Board of Directors of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon thanks Oregon's legislative leadership for making revenue and investments a priority this session. The EMO Board calls on Oregon's elected leaders to create an equitable system of taxation that adequately funds core public functions, while minimizing the impact to Oregon's low-income residents and Oregon's small businesses.

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