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With apologies for the multiple e-mails today, here are some clarifications that may help individuals in the Ways and Means Field hearings process:

1. ETIC: The Engineering Technology Industry Council recommended increased funding at $34 million. The Governor's budget provided $17 million. The co-chairs' budget reduced that to $7 million. When addressing the need to get back to the Governor's budget, it is important to put the recovery in the context of the initial recommendation that was for $34 million.

2. If you have written comments, take 30 copies and provide them to the committee at the hearing. This is encouraged. If you are unable to attend the hearing and want to provide written comments be advised that the e-mail address provided earlier will not ensure that your comments will go to legislators. You need to address any e-mail communications directly to your legislators. Make sure to include your home address so they know you are a constituent.

3. Can university employees testify? Absolutely. We have no ability to control what faculty and staff members or others say in a public process when they speak on their own time as private citizens. My recommendation is to address the committee as a private citizen, but to ensure they know your credentials. For example:

"My name is _____. I am a professor of _____ at Oregon State University. I am speaking to you tonight on my own time as a private citizen."

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to ask.

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