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SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE

Dear Senators:

I urge you to vote no on SJR 36 and SB 824. The State of Oregon already has taxes and fees that provide the government with more than adequate funding. If the state would stop throwing money at things like the governor's green energy fiasco, there would be plenty of funding for necessary programs.

The taxpayers have voted a sales tax down before. Until the governor starts putting a priority on necessary services and schools and quits spending taxpayer dollars on welfare for wind farm developers from other countries, there isn't a chance that any increase in government money that can be voted down won't be.

I urge you to not participate in throwing away public dollars to try to convince voters to pay more to a system that has lost site of the people they are supposed to be serving.

Please do not send SJR 36 or SB 824 out of committee. All the rest of us are having to live within our means. We just try to make better decisions about how to spend our limited income than our current governor does. This state does not have a revenue problem, we have a priorities problem.

Thank you very much for considering my comments.
Sincerely,

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