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I am opposed to sb324 as are many of my friends, family, business associates & co-workers.

I don't comprehend personally how at this stage of Oregon's economy you can justify increasing taxes

at all let alone on gas.

Does it not shame any of you who are considering voting in favor of this bill that Oregon is #1 in the country

in food stamp recipients consecutive years running & is among the the top 5 states considered "business unfriendly" in lieu of state and

local fees, taxes & regulations to existing and start up businesses. As a result wages are below other states that are competing for a skilled qualified labor force.

You as a legislative body are not the only ones looking to cash in on taxing gas at the present moment, our friendly Federal Government

is intent on increasing their share very soon as well so my question to all of you is where does this end?

Where is a State Senate Bill going to come from that will make it UNLAWFUL to increase the state tax on a gallon of gas FOREVER?

We are 18 trillion in debt as a nation running a 2 trillion dollar national budget deficit every year. I'm just taking an educated guess here but either the Oregon State Government as a whole is going to have to loosen its grip and allow an economy to grow unencumbered

or this appetite for taxation & regulation will continue to drain what potentially could benefit the state socially & economically

Can u do us a favor & allow us to keep more of our hard earned money & oppose & vote against sb324

Thank You
Howard Miller