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My name is Rob McMonigal, and I live in Portland, OR, zip code 97266. I would like to encourage those working on Oregon's budget package to ensure that in the name of sealing budget holes that they put a priority on revenue generation instead of cuts to essential services.

As we have seen from the now-failed experiment in Kansas, having low taxes does not mean extra economic growth and increased revenue for the state. Just the opposite is true, in fact. We in Oregon are blessed with a strong economy and low unemployment, but our lack of an increased revenue stream is hurting Oregon's most needy, and we cannot allow that to continue.

Currently, the proposal that has been broached will help with fixing Oregon's revenue problem. However, in my opinion, it does not go far enough. We need to look at increasing the tax rate on businesses a bit higher, to ensure that should Oregon's needs grow as its population increases, we are not coming back to this table again in a few years, worried about another significant shortfall.

Whatever solution is proposed, it must ensure that schools, Medicaid, TANF, and other key essentials to life in Oregon are fully funded and not cut even by one percent.

I urge you to look at making the current package stronger, but at the very least, passing a package that does not touch Oregon's entitlements--and in fact increases them.

Thank you.

Robert McMonigal