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Dear Legislators,

My husband and myself are middle class people -- that class that has been feeling the pinch as society now splits itself into the rich and the poor.

We are in the first quarter of the 21st C. and while the last century was the industrial century, this century is the social or people century. No longer can Oregon or any state hope to ignore this new 'sharing' century by not helping to distribute the costs and the rewards more equally amongst all people. Fair taxes are a vehicle for doing this, as has been amply demonstrated by the success of the Scandinavian countries, every one of them.

We are quite willing to be taxed if it means that all people can have access to communally shared resources such as transportation, clean environment, good schools and affordable housing -- and lastly, can look forward to a good future. It is the cost of doing 'people' business. Please see the humanity and pragmatism of enacting higher and more fair corporate taxes.

Thank you,  
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