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To: <u>Sen MonnesAnderson</u>; <u>Rep Piluso</u>

Cc: LRC

Subject: I want, I NEED my kicker refund, please help me get it

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Dear Sen Monnes-Anderson and Rep Piluso,

Our elected officials in Salem created the kicker program to protect our hard earned money, and I have financial needs to get my money back.

I understand that the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee is hearing testimony on SJR 23 (right about now?) in hopes of keeping my kicker dollars, and those of my fellow Oregonians.

I need to fix my vehicle, and that would certainly go a long ways to helping me do so. I spend between 10 and 30 hours a week as a volunteer in my community, providing support services to first responders (primarily Fire and Dispatch). Often times I also am called in to assist those impacted by the most tragic things that police and fire show up to. This includes house fires, car wrecks, suicides, murders, and natural deaths. On the larger incidents such as school and mall shootings and wildfires I often am involved for days at a time. To do so, I put a LOT of miles on my vehicle, out of my own pocket most of the time. (I have served in such incidents at which both of you have been involved with in one way or another, and shown up at). That kicker refund would sure help me to keep doing so. I make a modest living, earning about \$40k a year at my day job; a few hundred dollars may not make a big difference to some people, but it does to me.

I heard about a month ago that we should be getting a kicker this year, and was happy to find that news. Please do not spend what we as tax payers have not already approved, but rather I am asking you to help return the funds not spent to those of us who earned that money.

Thank you very much,

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