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To members of the Oregon Legislature:

Stop this relentless grab for money from the citizens of Oregon!

First, this February was to be a short session, but you have inserted major funding bills against the voters' dictate.

Second, the economy is doing fine, thanks to national Republican efforts to stabilize our courts and financial institutions. But that is no license for the Oregon democrats to raid the benefits that came to our citizens.

SB 1530 Carbon Tax must be referred to the voters. The Senate cannot be trusted with this extremely complex burden on Oregon.

SB 1564 Mattress Bed Tax appears to be the most stupid sales and recycle tax I've ever seen. You might as well tax towels while your fleecing us!

HB 4151 Car Sales Tax is just another movement to put electric cars on the road....without a corresponding increase in electric generation to plug-into.

HB 4084 is another way to promise low-rent subsidized housing by imposing excessive development charges. When will this legislative body discover that cost increases don't promote new growth?

HJR 203 was banned by a majority vote of the citizens. Leave it alone! HB 4047 hotel tax increase is hardly a recipe for increasing tourism to Oregon. HB 4005 gun restrictions is just another move to get government into running our homes.

And don't get antsy about rent control. Landlords are bailing because of the current favoritism to renters at the expense of the landlords' rights.

What are you people smoking there in the Capitol? Oh, now it's obvious why Oregon promoted sale of cannabis. Use *that* money for your pet projects, but leave us citizens with our own, personal hard-earned salaries and savings accounts.

Stay out of our pockets! Wilmar Kohne Salem Resident