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Measure: HB4079

I vehemently oppose this sales tax proposal. Lawmakers in Oregon have been trying to slide one past the voters for years and finally had partial success with the Corporate Actively Tax. Within the marbled halls of the Capitol, members of this state's legislature might not call it that, but that's what it is. Any commonsense Oregonian who pays even the slightest attention to these matters will be against paying more to purchase anything to give their hard-earned money to those who already reap the awards for living in a state that spends more on assistance programs than 46 others. If you want to give away money, dig into the half a billion slush fund you have thanks to federal COVID handouts, don't put a further burden on Oregon's working citizens. Indeed, if this body is smart enough to win an election and have an office in Salem, you're smart enough to know that if this measure passes and word of the \$750 a month free money gets out, we'll end up with even more homeless living on our streets that you'll want to take care of, and to pay for that influx, you'll go back to the well once more, and raise the tax from 3% to 10% or more. The only reason you're trying to pass this measure and put it on the governor's desk before she leaves office is that you know if it's set before the voters on the ballot, it'll fail.