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I'm a 51 year native son of Oregon. Born in Albany, my family moved to Dutch Flats outside of Silverton in 1973 to build a self-sufficient farm. Well, it never quite became self-sufficient, so after college I moved to Beaverton to work in the Silicon Forest.

For over 100 years, until the last three, consumption taxes on sales was something Oregon rejected 11 times at the polls. Sales taxes are the most regressive upon the poor, even when they're "luxury" taxes they have a tendency to hit hard in our now high-tech economy, where ownership of a computer and a cell phone is necessary to even the most basic job search.

Giving debit cards will not offset the problem of using a regressive consumption tax for funding.

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