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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Human Services  
Measure: HB4079

Dear Representatives,

I am vehemently opposed to HB 4079, which would impose a 3% sales tax on "luxury" goods.

Our economy is in shambles due to the severe lockdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is definitely NOT the time to enact a tax on middle class Oregonians. Such a tax would further hamper our economic recovery for small businesses, and place an undue burden on citizens.

Inflation is at an all time high in our nation, further reducing our purchasing power. WE DO NOT NEED ANOTHER TAX.

Concerning giving \$750 every month to the homeless...I have read that Oregon is FOURTH IN THE NATION in welfare spending, and yet our homeless population in Oregon is exploding. The more you offer, the more they will come. It is well known that California and Oregon offer "the most free stuff"....hence the growth of homelessness in our state.

I understand Oregon has received many billions of dollars from the federal government during the pandemic. I also understand that our state has "put aside" one billion dollars of the federal funds. Perhaps we should spend this money before considering taxing Oregon constituents further.