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TO: House Committee on Human Services  
2022 Legislative Short Session

RE: Opposition to HB 4079, Oregon's First Sales Tax

Chair Williams, Vice Chair Ruiz, Vice Chair Scharf and Members of the House Committee on Human Services,

I write in opposition to HB 4079 — Oregon's first sales tax. There could not be a worse time to create a new tax than now. While the state continues to receive record revenue, inflation is increasing the price of goods and artificially pushing Oregon families into higher tax brackets. A sales tax will further increase prices and cause more difficulties.

I understand the intent is to help people in need. A new tax, and therefore a new burden on Oregonians, will have the opposite effect.

We should be finding better ways to use the abundant resources already available to the Legislature to support Oregonians. Let's help businesses fill the record number of job openings to provide families with stable salaries. A sales tax, even on higher priced goods for now, will only hurt the wages of employees relying on those sales.

Thank you for your service to Oregon and for your consideration not to move HB 4079 out of your committee.

Best regards,

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