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Hello and good day, I am a father of 4 children in a small community. I work very hard to support my family as my wife has some health issues that prevent her full time employment. We are native Oregonians for the past 40+ years and we appreciate that Oregon doesn't have California's Progressive Tax System. Especially the sales tax system. I study real estate economics, analytics and trends for my living and see first hand the difficulties that arise from policies that may be well meaning but hurt consumers in real ways. In Oregon there are large populations of minimum wage workers and fixed income seniors that feel the pinch of inflation and government regulations that large companies can absorb, but regular people cannot. This is the issue with the sales tax. Oregon has a higher income tax and fairly high property taxes. Governor Brown recently increased all state fees to fill the state coffers in every fee I have come across. The current political environment groups think that just increasing taxes will solve our problems, but every tax and fee; takes from families trying to put food on the table, trying to pay for college tuition, in general pay their bills and does the exact opposite of what the intent was. This bill will not help the homeless, but will probably contribute to their being more homeless. There are many people in the state on the edge of being homeless and the already bad policies now increase their rent every year, cause utilities to rise and they are on the edge of a razor blade to total financial destruction. Please, if have any heart for humanity do not enact this tax, the poor and fixed income folks would really appreciate a break for a while from all the fee increases, inflation, and not adequate income support a basic life style. I know many people personally who will be harmed by this legislation.