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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Human Services

Measure: HB4079

I urge a no vote on HB4079. Oregonians do not want or need another tax, especially a sales tax. Oregon has a homeless problem that will not be fixed by throwing money at it in the form of monthly payments on a debit card. I see help wanted signs everywhere, many of them offering bonuses. There are ways for people to make money and earn some self respect in the process. The homeless problem that our state is facing is not people just being poor, it is primarily a mental health and drug problem and no amount of monthly payment is going to fix that. Once you start giving free money out, you will make the problem worse, as it will not be enough for people to live on and it will draw in more drug addicted and mentally ill people. All you will do, is encourage people to not work and be dependent on the government. I am beginning to think that is the goal. Taxing the people of Oregon more on top of high inflation and empty store shelves is not smart. Something needs to be done about the homeless problem, but throwing "free" money at it is not the answer.

Please vote no on the bill.