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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: HB4079

I am writing to ask you to vote No on HB 4079. If this pandemic has taught us anything, it is that handing free money out to people does not work. There are so many social service programs in Oregon you don't have to work anymore. HB 4079 would just be another layer added to the mess that has already been created. I have watched Portland and the metro area throw hundreds of millions at the homeless and drug addiction problems and it has only gotten worse. Measure 110 has been an absolute failure and the homeless problem is out of control. Why? Because these programs are not founded on solid principles. They are founded on ideals with total disregard for human nature. I have been told by homeless people here that they moved here from other states because it is so easy to be "homeless" in Portland. Guess what is going to happen to the State if you start handing out free money?

It is clear this bill was written to pull at the heart strings of the reader but lacks any realistic view of the world. This bill supposedly aims to help pregnant teens even though they already have Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood get millions every year and were lauded as the saviors of all these young pregnant mothers, yet the problem has only grown worse. Where is the money going? What about the Oregon Health Plan, food stamps (EBT cards), housing assistance, etc. Weren't these programs supposed to fix the same problems? How about we fix those programs before you create another one on the backs of tax paying Oregon residents?

This bill is not founded on solid principles. We have more than enough social services in Oregon. Please vote NO on HB 4079.