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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB4079

I strongly oppose HB 4079. The purpose of the sales tax is to fund \$750 monthly debit cards to the homeless and people under the poverty level? No, the purpose of this 'sales tax' is for the state to become an enabler. Instead of helping the homeless and people, this \$750 will allow them to continue living the lifestyle they have chosen, only this time with the state's blessing. Oregonians have voted several times in the past on a sales tax, and each and every time we have voted it down. Why not let the people vote on this? People are already being stretched thin with out of control inflation, and to add a proposed 3% luxury tax is ridiculous. Once politicians get a taste of this new cash flow, the tax increases will never end. Pretty soon Oregon will wind up looking like California sales tax wise. California has a state sales tax, they have city sales taxes, and they have county sales taxes. and they have nothing to show for it. This is a Pandora's box that Salem does not need to open, because once opened it can never be closed again. The people of Oregon need to have a say about this, not just some politician who arbitrarily wants this.

Thank you,

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