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On Behalf Of: myself and my family

Committee: House Committee on Human Services

Measure: HB 4079

I am writing in strong opposition of HB 4079.

This is an utterly senseless Bill that will not do anything more than continue to destroy our local communities and the businesses that continue to struggle.

More taxes on the people who are working and trying to make ends meet and maybe even have a little more because they deserve it and have worked for it, is just wrong. They say this is a luxury tax, but yet some of the items covered could be considered essential to many. How dare you consider taking more from those of us who are working hard, only to have you tax us more and give monthly stipends who those who choose to do otherwise.

Businesses everywhere are hiring, opportunities are endless for those who want to work. Employers are struggling with staffing shortages, yet you want to pay people to continue to do whatever it is they do without earning it.

We have enough programs to help those in need. This monetary stipend will not house anyone, it will not provide more access to healthcare or behavioral health services, it will just lend itself to more drug use and abuse.

The Oregon Freedom Pilot Program is a disgrace and I urge you to **VOTE NO!**