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As a resolute advocate for the citizens of Oregon, I implore you to promptly return the kicker funds to their rightful owners. It is imperative that we address the grave injustice of holding onto this tax surplus. Such actions are not only morally indefensible but also undermine the principles of fairness and transparency that should govern our fiscal policies.

Oregonians have diligently contributed their hard-earned money, fulfilling their civic duty in good faith. The purpose of the kicker funds is to provide relief and support to the very individuals who have contributed to the state's economic prosperity. By keeping these funds, we disregard the trust placed in our government and disregard the legitimate expectations of our fellow Oregonians.

Moreover, retaining the surplus undermines the democratic values upon which our society is built. It sends a distressing message to the hardworking taxpayers who rely on responsible governance to protect their interests. By failing to return the kicker funds, we create an environment of disillusionment and erode public confidence in our elected officials and the system as a whole.

It is our moral obligation to rectify this situation and restore the faith of Oregonians in their government. By expeditiously returning the kicker funds, we demonstrate our commitment to upholding the principles of justice and fairness. We exhibit a genuine understanding of the needs and aspirations of our fellow citizens, assuring them that their contributions are valued and respected.

I urge you to reconsider your stance and take immediate action to return the surplus funds to Oregonians. Let us seize this opportunity to demonstrate responsible governance and reinforce the bonds of trust between the government and its people. Oregonians deserve nothing less than the full restoration of their rightfully earned resources.