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Oregon has one of the highest tax rates in all of America and the existing policies and spending put into place have VERY little to show for it. We are a mid-earning single income household, we paid nearly \$21k in taxes last year. That alone is more than some families even made at all. We don't benefit from the system because we make too much, yet due to the incessant taxing, we don't have the extra funds to afford certain services ourself— such as childcare. Thank God for the Electrical Union (LOCAL 48) that my husband works for, providing us health and dental insurance because otherwise we would never afford it. Returning the surplus of taxes is the most just way that Oregon could maintain its economy. 5.5 BILLION dollars worth of surplus is an extraordinary amount that SHOULD, rightfully, go back into the pockets of our citizens who paid the taxes. Anything less than a return is blatant theft of our people. I implore you to do the right thing and STOP the potential of this theft. If you have any backbone and integrity, you will keep the current kickbacks in place and return the surplus to the people of Oregon who paid taxes. Do not steal the hard earned money of our citizens.