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The 2021-2023 budget as approved is nearly 200% of the 2017-2019 budget. You, collectively, as a legislative body have chosen to give yourselves almost twice as much money, and still it is not enough. You feel obligated to pilfer the meager return which the Oregon Taxpayer so rightly deserves.

It is clear that this State's Legislative Body and the Democratic Majority can not be trusted with the State's purse strings.

The current budget gives Public Safety \$3 Billion, and while we live in a state where Police, Fire, and Emergency Services are underfunded and understaffed, our District attorneys and Public Defenders offices have gone rogue. How much did the State pay recently after a Federal Judge had already vacated his conviction, to attempt to re-incarcerate Frank Gable for 2 years?!? This while our state's DOJ knew full well that his conviction was the fruit of a poison tree, wrongly acquired through a collection of feloniously coerced testimony.

The current budget gives Human Services \$10.7 Billion, yet we are second-to-last in the provision of mental health and addiction services in the nation. NOT in money spent, but in services provided. What exactly are we getting for our \$10.7 Billion?

The Taxpayer Bill of Rights, published by the Oregon Department of Revenue says that the State will:

*"Work to earn the trust of the Taxpayers"

and:

*"Do the right thing"

I do not think that the actions of Senator Lew Frederick, Senator Kayse Jama, and the remainder of the Democratic Party are doing anything to accomplish those two tenets.

GO RAID SOMONE ELSE'S PIGGY BANK!

Thank you.