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I am not a cannabis user. However, I do know that we need to increase the amount of sales tax money coming back to the city of Ontario. This city has been a large revenue earner for the state. Almost 10% of Oregon's pot sales have come out of Malheur County.

This past year, the local cannabis tax revenue decreased by approximately \$960,000. Ontario sells the same quantities of cannabis products. However, prices have been driven down by almost 30%. The city has worked responsibly these past few years, to get their PERS debt lowered.

At some point, Idaho could legalize pot. Then Ontario will lose almost all of this revenue source. Please, let Ontario do the responsible thing. Move the amount that Ontario receives from its stores to 10%. Do not make us the forgotten county anymore.

Thank you