

Testimony in Opposition to HJR 23

As a resident and taxpayer in the State of Oregon, I am strongly opposed to HJR 23 and would urge a NO VOTE by all legislators. Once again we have to fight for what is rightfully our own money.

The Oregon Constitution is clear when it comes to the overcollection of taxes and how that money is to be distributed; refunding it to the original taxpayer. It is, after all, our money and as taxpayers we have a right to receive a refund of any "Kicker", so we may donate it to a charity of our choice, save it, pay other taxes with it, gift it or spend it.

Please do all in your power as our Representatives to see that all monies are returned to their rightful owners. As an Oregon taxpayer, I fall into one of the upper brackets and gladly pay my fair share of taxes. I do appreciate the services I receive in return. However, I would like the overage, collected state tax, returned to me proportionate to my good faith payment. It is the right thing to do, it is your Representative responsibility, and it is the law in our state.

Thank you for considering a NO VOTE on HJR 23