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I want to support the effort to change the the way the kicker is distributed. Everyone who is eligible for the kicker should get the same amount. This would result in those in greatest need get an amount that would help them most while still having all get something back. This would also simplify the process administratively. There should also be an annual kicker for the poor in the form of a much higher earned income tax credit similar to what the equal kicker would give. This could be paid for not by raising tax rates, but by simply reducing tax deductions for corporations and the wealthy. The wealthy complain about paying all the taxes, but if you take all the money, that is what you must do. More money in the hands of low wage workers actually helps businesses, especially small neighborhood businesses. Money must flow, not trickle, down if it is to flow up. Helping low wage earners ultimately helps us all.