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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure: SJR26

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SJR 26.

The excess funds taken in by the state do not belong to the state, they belong to the citizens and must be returned to the citizens as currently stated in the Oregon Constitution. It is OUR money, not yours. Citizens do not "owe" the government. Monies collected by the government are supposed to fund services for the citizens - a concept I suggest you review.

We currently are among the top 10 highest-taxed states in the union. Between taxes, "fees", lottery money, and every other way the state brings money into its coffers, the continual cry for more money demonstrates poor management not higher need. I propose a thorough line-by-line audit of every fund and every penny that is spent. If a true analysis of spending were to occur, perhaps you would find that the kicker returned to the citizens should be greater. Vote no on SJR 26.