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On Behalf Of: Oregon citizens
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR201

Dear legislators of the Oregon state government,

I oppose this legislation, as it is both illegal from a federal perspective, as well as an Oregon constitutional perspective.

However, to add, it also is insulting doing this to h the Oregon workers during a time where more people are living paycheck to paycheck, debt is higher than ever before on credit cards, interest rates are higher than before, the dollar is devaluing further, inflation is still not pausing, and the state is taxing more than it has before yet does not merit this due to the current expenses. This latter part can be seen with the current kicker in regards to crediting back taxes to the Oregon citizens who have had it taken from them.

We already have multiple programs that are designed to further sap the Oregon public of their income via tax funds. It has been voted in to provide healthcare to anybody within the state boundaries, education for anybody within the state for example, not to mention the change to mandatory insured operations which will raise state Medicare taxes as well as premium rates for private insurance.

It is insulting at this point to see that the state moves during this economic crisis to tax realized and unrealized gains on assets. It is insulting to think that our legislators the want to cause Oregonians trying to get by to further struggle.

In review of what is being suggested in regards to this house joint resolution 201 it does not seem to benefit the Oregon citizens who are being squeezed out of middle class into poverty due to other people and their decisions. We want to take care of our kids, our community, and families but are forced to watch some of them suffer as our tax money goes to a coffer to go out to someone else.

If we review other cities and states who have done a similar type of work in regards to how much money is dumped into these programs and the results, I think we can see clearly that this is not going to be effectively managed. I am it even asking how San Francisco flipped overnight on the same budget and spend, but I can do the math.

Instead, it would be prudent to review the prior spending and do a cost benefit analysis. Throwing money at something is never a solid solution as we have enough to resolve if managed and directed correctly. A great example of mismanaged funds

is the Covid bailouts where we stopped investigating fraud as it was too rampant and frankly embarrassing, both federally and state.

If we want to keep the businesses that you have here in Oregon, I further recommend you don't sap the employees of businesses further. Power bills are massively fluctuating to add to this. The current trend of our legislators to trying to destroy the existing businesses unintentionally by punishing their employees for working in the state is becoming very noticeable.

So, I formally request that we review how we're going to keep businesses inside Oregon, how we are going to encourage economic growth, and how we are going to cut spending that is unfortunately not getting any results and to not punish Oregonians for working and living here further.

From negative population growth Portland,
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