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Measure: HJR201

Dear Oregon State Legislators:

The latest proposed bill is an example of a classic protection racket scheme, by exhorting money from decent, hardworking citizens, and if you don't pay up, the violence is going to get worse. It's blackmail, and the tactic organized crime uses. This is also a local issue, and the state has no business making places with low crime, subsidize the metropolitan areas that have high crime. The state should tax themselves for enabling and decriminalizing crimes. This is legal theft. Just another example of throwing money at an issue instead of getting at the root cause and correcting it. The state has allowed crime to flourish by declaring this a sanctuary state, not vetting illegal immigrants, decriminalizing drugs and undermining law enforcement to be tough on crime. The state has made it possible for the victim of a crime to be the one that is punished, not the perpetrator of a crime. Also, for all we know they could be Palestinian terrorists, or Vodka Mongols sent over by Putin.