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Based on the Governor's proposal, I OPPOSE any bill based on tax increases. That means I oppose the special session being here at all.

This special session is a total political scam. It is clear that there is absolutely no consideration of Oregonians. And the Democrats have no consideration for the Republican's proposed plan that is tax neutral. So why hold a special session? The Governor wants to expose Republicans that have a weak backbone that she can break with bribes. She thinks Republicans will primary them and Democrats can take more seats so she can rule in tyranny. She may be right, because Republicans that defy the party and vote for these unjustified tax increases and think they will be forgiven by the pork they bring from bribes to their district, will be scorned. Even Democrats with that idea may find their districts turning on them.

The whole session has been a political game and Oregonians are tired of being played for fools with little accountability from Kotek's administration. It's time to pull back and earn the respect of voters and not force any more businesses out of state.

The special session will never come to an agreement, so I ask all Republican legislators to not play their game and not show up.