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If your intention is to further hurt the poor and middle class of Oregon with additional taxes due to YOUR mismanagement when we're already one of the top taxed states in America- go ahead and push through this farce. Recognize however it will come with political consequences next election because red or blue, you refuse to listen to us and the people of OR can't continue to support a party that consistently puts our families at risk. We make too many sacrifices as is, for your poor policy. If you'd like to be responsible, and frankly do your job properly, what you should be doing is what you continually force on us- tightening your belt. Making hard cuts. Staying within budget and finding money proven to be unaccounted for in state audits. Stop paying ridiculous amounts of money out to non profits who do absolutely no good work to help the community and only pocket the funds. Stop giving money to business who defraud you, take those funds, and leave. I can list many. Stop handing out money in the form of welfare and benefits to able bodied men and women who should be working or out to non citizens who use dependent deductions the state can't verify to avoid state and local tax. Oregon can be fair and welcoming without allowing fraud and abuse so rampantly. The list goes on in changes that could be made to bring OR to the front again if only you'd listen to voters. Both sides of the aisle are joined in this outside of Salem. We don't want or need higher taxes. We need responsible politicians we elected to do hard things.

We've gone from one of the best states to live in to one of the worst in less than 10 years. Taxed ridiculously with nothing to show for it but your hand out asking for more. You can't blame Republicans when we're majority blue and have made this mess and yet any cuts mentioned by Kotek were to punish red areas without recognizing that those counties she wants to cease services to, provide a lot of our food, materials, and pathways into the valley for trade. I-84 or Hwy 22/20 shut down due to weather and Kotek's revenge and you will be reminded of that quickly when grocery store shelves go bare.

Oregon can't keep going with our Government's poor policy and abuse. Enough is enough. Be different. Vote NO on this tax increase or any others and do what's right in cuts and reform. Not what's easy for you and yet so devastatingly harmful to all Oregon families.